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On 5-1-57, above source attended the UNITIED SOCIALIST RALLY FOR MAY DAY, spondored by the COMMITTEM FOR SOCIALIST UNITY, held at Central Plaza Hall, 2nd Ave. and E. 7th St., "YC. While at this rally source received a  $\delta_2^1$  x 11 throw-away advertising a Hudson River boat Ride to Bear Mountain, Sunday, May 26, 1957. This throw-away is being placed in the LA section of this file.

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Or

SAC, NEW YORK (100-129859) (7-3)

DATE: 5/17/57

FROM

SA DAVID RYAN (19)

SUDJECT:

SOCIALIST UNITY FORUM

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Identity of source

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Description of info

United Socialist May Day Lally, 5/1/57

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5/7/57

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SA DAVID RYAN (written)

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A copy of informant's report is attached.

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MEMO NY 100-129859 .

Wednesday, 1 May 1957. - United Socialist Rally for May Day sponsored by the Committee for Socialist Unity.

At Central Plaza Hall, Second Ave. at 7th St.

Attendance: Appr. 1,000. Nomen in majority. Meetings in 2 halls

Crowds of several hundreds turned away by police.

Chairman in downstairs hall: Corliss Lamont.

Admission: \$1,00.

Chairman: Clifford T. Mc Avoy.

Entertainment by Earl Robinson, singer and guitarist, and the

May Day singers, a white guitarist and a logro contralto.

Speakers in order of appearance: Dorothy Day

Bert Cochran Dr. Dubois

Myra Tannar-Weiss

Conrad Lynn

George Llake Charney.

Dorothy Day's speech was lenghty and lifeless and mostly about her experiences in the South, the fights between littles and Negroes. She ended her speech with a proverb from the Bible.

Dert Cochran spoke briefly, against the H-bomb tests, and about the difficulties in the laft. He said the present standstll is regrettable, but logical as all good things need time to ripen.

When Dubois rose to take the floor, the audience rose too and applauded. Dubois, as always, picked every word with caution. His speech was poignant. He spoke for equal work rights for Negroes, and for restoration of the Bill of Rights.

Myra Tanner Weiss was in high spirits. Her speech was like fire works and one could see the close contact she had with the audience. Myra said, "If we don't act and act quickly,

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we have but one choice: to die in a war in which nobody will survive, or to live in peace time with insecurity and unemployment. We must fight and show the capitalists our fist right in the face, and this we can do only by building up a stronger Union."

Myra's speech was followed by roaring applause.

Conrad Lynn, the Negro attorney, emphasized the Pilgr\_image of Prayer to Washington as it was meant to give the Negroes more self confidence and strenghten the ties between Negroes and Whites.

When George Blake Charney took the floor, he was not only greeted by applause, but the comrades arose. He explained why there was no parade, but called the rally a great victory. He mentioned that 2 halls were packed with people and hundreds who came late had been turned away. He urged the comrades to be optimistic and have faith in the party which will overcome the present difficulties, and play again a leading role in the Socialist movement.

The audience applauded strongly.

There was a collection for the Pilgrimage to Mashington. Also tickets for the boot ride on the 26 May were being sold by girls who said that they were from the Bobell Defense Committee.

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which will be called "Justice for MORTON SOBELL Meeting," will be held at "Roberts Hall," 205 South 13th Street, PH, at 8:15 p.m. The speakers are to be HELEN SOBELL, wife of MCRTON SOBELL; MYRA TANKER WEISS, SWP official; and JEAN FRANTJIS, Chairman of Philadelphia Branch SOBELL Committee. The net proceeds will go to the SOBELL Committee. PEARL CHERTOV of the PESWP is the Chairman of the affair.

According to the informant, WEISS announced that he had previously met with the local leaders of the CP in Philadelphia and they were enthusiastic about participating in a joint affair featuring HELEN SCHELL, but the National Committee to Defend MORTON SOBELL in New York advised that they desire the forum to be under the sole auspices of the PBSWP and instructed the CP in Philadelphia not to sponsor this affair with the SWP. WEISS added, however, that he expected the CP in Philadelphia to support the affair by selling tickets, distributing literature, and in attending.

Above for information.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

SAC, NEW YORK (100-

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FROM

SA ARTHUR S. BENNETT (#19-2)

SUBJECT:

UNITED SOCIALIST RALLY FOR MAY DAY

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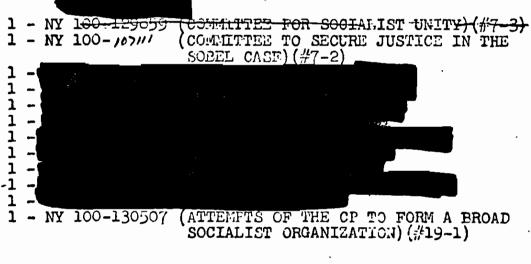
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5/7/57 ADTHUR S. BENNETT

The source made available on 5/7/57, a written report of his attendance at a "May Day Rally" held at Central Plaza Hall, 2nd Ave. and 7th St., NYC, on 5/1/57 at 8 p.m. This rally was sponsored by the "Committee for Socialist Unity."

If this information is disseminated care should be taken to protect this source's identity.

The source's report follows:



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"The May Day Celebration"
May 1, 1957
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Central Plaza Hall at 2nd Ave.& 7th St.
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I arrived at about 8:05 and I still was too late to get a seat in the main hall. However I did manage to find a seat in the number 2 hall. The speciers made their speeches in both halls and the same with the singura.

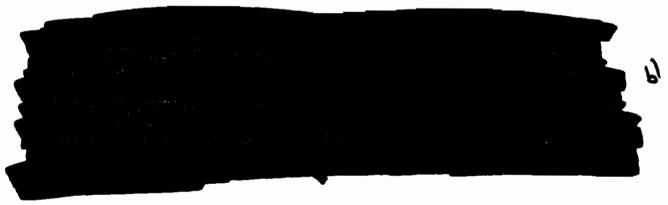
A well known man by the name of Lamont was the chairman in our hall. He introduced Raul Robinson, a singer. A negro woman who weighed about 300 pounds also sang. her name is Louise. Another singer (who was at the Socialist Unity form meeting which I attended) sang and played the guitar, his name is Clayton (I thought his name was Clayborn). Most of the people scened to know many of the songs that were sung, and they sang very enthusiastically.



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In the hall sitting in front of me was a fellow from CCNY (uptown or downtown?). I know this because he had notebooks and a textbook with a CCMY cover on it. He was about 5ft. 7in. on the heavy made. Similar on the right of him was a young girl about 17 or 18 wearing glasses and Bermuda shorts. Sitting on the left of the CCNY fellow was about 18, 6ft. tall, rather Lendor, with a nose like Bob Hope.



I heard all of the speakers except DR. <u>Bubois</u>. Lamont the chairman called for the following proposals which were unanimously accepted (I wonder what would have happened if I would have come out against one of their proposals)

1. End segregation --- Enforce the constitution

2. Restore the bill of rights 3. Ban nucelar weapons ---

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stop the tests now 4. Withdraw troops of all nations from other peoples countries.

Conrad LYnn, N.A.A.C.P. attorney really got the people behind him. He was shouting on the top of his voice and getting applause for almost every word. He talked mainly about the negro (he is a negro himself) in the south and the May 17 pilgramage on Washington. The rest of the speakers, including Charney did not start any fires with their speeches.

P.S. I still don't know what a witchhunt is.



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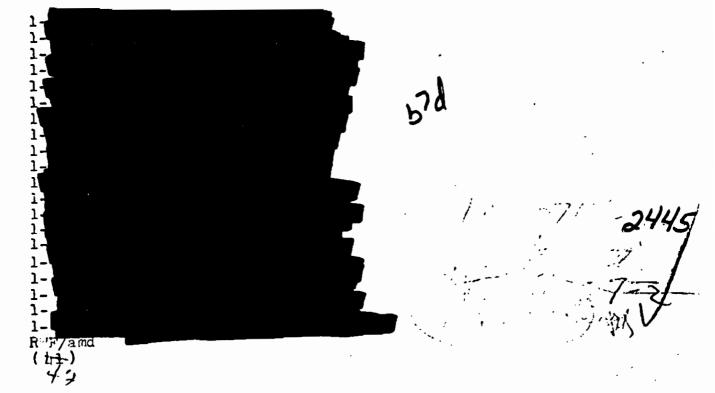
On 5/7/57, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a signed report to SA ROBERT W. FELLWAM. This report is being filed in Newark file and contains the following information.

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A symposium was held on Sunday, May 5, 1957, at the Brighton Beach Auditorium, Brighton Beach, N.Y. (An article in the "Militant" lists the location as Brighton Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Ave., Brocklyn). The principal speakers for this event were JOLF GAT'S of the CF, FARRED ROBBS of the SWP, and A.J. USTE of the magazine, "Liberation. The chairman in charge of the meeting was ALVIN

## CC's

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BERG (PH), New York City SWP member and chairman of the New York City Campus Club.

Those persons for whom copies of this letter have been designated were in Attendance. A total of about 250 people were present, including several persons representing the MORTON SOBELL COM ITTEL.

The meeting was apparently well prepared in advance and all three speakers agreed on the main issues. The three main topics discussed were "War and Atomic Age," "The Economic Situation," and "The Shortest Way to Socialism."

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All three speakers stressed the necessity for ending all war preparations and demanded that M-Domb tests be stopped before it is too late. JOHN GATES stated that air inspection of Russia is unnecessary because if Russia explodes an A-Bomb, everyone knows it the very next day. GATES said that we do not have to be afraid of Russia, but we must be afraid of American Imperialism. Concerning the economic situation, the three speakers said that a depression on a major scale cannot be avoided. As far as the future of Socialism is concerned, the speakers said that an agreement has been reached on major policy and in the near future their ideas will be combined, although there is a lot to clear up before real cooperation will be reached.

JCHN GATES admitted that the CP had made some mistakes but he stated that they were learning through their mistakes and are now much wiser.

At the end of the meeting, all three speakers appealed to the audience to support the NORTON S BELL COMPITTEE and the strongest appeal was made by FARRELL DUBBS. A special appeal was read to the audience requesting their support of a trip to be made to bear lountain on Sunday, May 26, 1957, which is being sponsored by the SOBELL COMMITTEE.

Also, an appeal was made to support the pilgrimage to Weshington, which is to take place on 5/17/57. In connection with this, FAX GELDHAN stated that the SWF expects to send a strong delegation.

All parties had stands set up at this symposium with literature for sale.

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On Friday, May 2h, 1957, a special meeting will be held at Central Plaza Hall, which is located at Second Ave. and 7th St., New York City. This will be a debate, "What would be Socialist Regoupment," with the speakers MAX SHACHTMAN from the ISL and MURRAY WEISE from the SWP. The admission will be \$1.00 with students being charged only \$.50.

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May 22, 1957

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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MATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka. INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Rebulet to Assistant Attorney General WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS, dated May 10, 1957, and St. Louis airtel to Bureau dated May 6, 1957.

On May 14, 1957, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a fund raising party was held at 6317 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois on the evening of May 4, 1957. The informant advised that he was unable to state who actually sponsored. this affair, hovever, a sound slide of the MORTON SOBELL case was shown to approximately the 35 individuals who attended this affair. The title of the slides was "Was Justice Done" by "The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell." The slides and commentator, whose identity was unknown, indicated MORTON SOBELL's innocence. After the showing of this, a request for money for the defense of SOBELL was made. Hope was expressed to bring about a new trial for 'IORTON SOBELL. The collection taken here at this meeting amounted to approximately \$50.00.

The informant believed that the unidentified individual who showed the slides was possibly referred to during the evening as one Dr. KAUFMA! or HOFFMA! (phonetic). not further identified.

Ct. Louis will forward to Chicago a photograph and description of HAVE! PERKINS so that informants can possibly identify any activity on the part of PERKI'S in the Chicago arca.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (140-287835)

FROM:

SAC, HETARK (100-86202) -

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MURTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

## CINAL

Confidential Information reserved to SA RALPA NAVID LIGHT, Ja. on 5/21/6/ that a moeting of Union/ County Discussion Group had been held in Winfield, W.J. oh/ 5/15/57 at which one TED JACOD, identified as a representative of the SOBFLL Committee, was the guest speaker.

According to the informant, the principal discussion at the meeting related to the need for new effects in raising funds for the SCBELL Committee to be used in taking the appeal of MURTON COBULL to the Supress Court. A suggestion made by JACOB reparding the establishment of contacts the reald make monthly payments on a regular bacis to the 200 LL Committee was rejected as those in the group pointed out that experience in provious collections for the BORELL Committee greater success had been found in individual conject by volunteens from the group.

During his telk, JACOB advised those present who had paked for only now information regarding activity in behalf of 120RI II TOTAL that the U.S. Covernment was trying to block any hearing in connection with the came because if the facts come out they will show that the 1921 TOEFAR were invecent and that Government and Department of Jovillou have been functing people rholesale.

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DIRECTOR, FDI (100-207835)

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Rewark has reported on this Union County group in the past. Confidential Informant has furnished the following sketch prepared to identity the group:

A group of about 21 individuals from Elizabeth-Tahway-Middon, N.J. area formed a discussion and Treture group about two years ago (1956).

This group holds its meetings and invites guest speakers to lecture at these meetings, which are held at irregular intervals. Of this group, were known to have formally been CP members during the The general tone and discussions of this group are similar to those shown at CS meetings. To date the group has not operated under a fittle or a mane.

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# Office Memorandum • united states government

TO

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (7-3)

DATE: 5/23/57

FROM :

SA WILLIAM G. LINEMAN

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL SOBELL COMMITTEE

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On 5/14/57, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished CA WILLIAM G. LINEHAM with a reprint of an article from the ô/27/55 issue of, "The Nation" entitled, "An American Tragedy."

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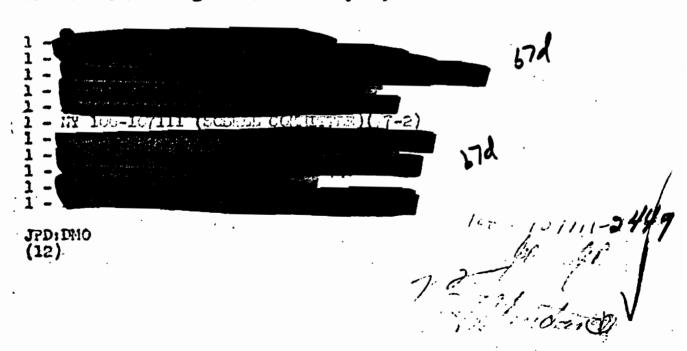
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SA JOHN P. DI NARCHI

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On 5/1/57, above source attended the United Socialist Rally for May Day, sponsored by the above-captioned committee. This rully was held at Central Plaza Hall, Second Ave., and 7th Street, Mrc. Source estimated that approximately 1500 persons attended this rally. Source furnished a three page written report. This report is being made a part of this serial. Source also furnished literature which he received at this rally. This literature is being disseminated by separate memo.



## CCPA

May 1st, 1957.

Attended rally sponsored by Committee for Socialist Unity held at Central Plaza Hall Second Ave. and 7th Street -

Rally started with songs by a colored lady accompanied by a white man playing quitar - they were later joined by Earl Robinson (wh.)

Mr. Mc Avoy then called the meeting to order telling everybody to take their seats - as only so many was allowed in the Hall on the 4th floor - the overflow of people about 300 was accomidated in a Hall on floor below. He said that it was the first time in 20 years that a united Rally of all Socialist parties. Wether left or right or the middle - Communist or others - He then introduced Mr. Bert Cochran this speaker when called upon had not arrived yet. So He called upon and introduced Dorothy Day - a woman editor of the Catholic worker - She explained why religion was part of the Socialist movement - and then dwelled upon the Negro in the south - Said she visited a mule farm in Alabama - two weeks ago - this farm is run for and by communist thinking whites and negroes - due to the lack of regards for the constitution ending vegregation they have had their houses burned their cattle killed - and have to have munds posted from 7:30 pm to about 3:30 am - while there she took part in such a watch and said there was 9 bullets fired at the building where she was - she wanted one and all to work for the end of this.

As Hr. Cochran in the meantime had arrived he was then introduced again. This speech was about the repeal of the Mc Carran Act. Stop the Atom tests. Stop the arrosts by associations and liberty of expression for all regardless of parties.

A Myra Tanner Weiss was next introduced - who had run on the Socialist Workers ticket as Vice presidential candidate although not receiving many votes. The started her

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speech by adverting a Hudson River boat-ride to Bear Mountain - to help liberate Morton Sobell - no he con soon take the bout from Alcatraz - She wanted everybody to unite in a socialist and marxist movement and stop friction among themselves - for only united can a socialist party become a political party to be reckoned with -

Next speaker introduced was Conrad Lynn (col) he spoke of Negro oppression in the south and about the coming March on Washington - and urgod everybedy to take part in that event.

Next speaker was M.T.E. Du Ebis (Cel) who also spoke about the colored people in the South - slso wanted all ranks to units - and not worry about Lenin or Stalin but work for Socialism right here in USA.

Due to other matters the last 2 speakers was not hears. left Hall about 10:15 pm -

Attendance in hall on 4th floor - 900-925. and according to the Chairmans announcement about 900 in hall below. Only persons known among the crows

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: 5/24/57

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SAC, NEWARK (100-36202)

SUBJECT:

MATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE IS - C

ReBulet to Boston 3/26/57; St. Louis airtel to Bureau 4/8/57; St. Louis airtel to Bureau 3/20/57.

In 4/24/57, Dr. J. DOUGLAS BROWN, Dean of the Faculty of Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., Stated that on a date that he believed was probably Monday, 4/15/57, an individual came to his office to see him with a name something like PERKINS, although Dean BROWN could not exactly remember what it was. He stated that this individual said he had formerly worked in some phase at Marvard University and was now working full time to secure action in the ROSHIBERG and SOBELL cases. He asked Dean DROWN if Dean BROWN would like to buy a copy of a book, whose name Dean BROWN jotted down as "Vas Justice Done? The Rosenberg-Sobell Case" by MALCOLM P. SHARP, Professor of Law at the University of Chicago. He stated that he considered this case should receive a careful review by scholars and students of jurisprudence.

Dean BROWN stated that he also solicited contributions to assist SOBELL and talked quite persuasively on behalf of the case. Dean BROWN stated that he did not buy the book nor did he make any contribution but he did refer him to some of the authorities on constitutional law round Princeton University in order to get aid of him. Dean BROWN displayed a piece of literature which this individual left entitled "The Western Political Cuarterly" for December, 1955, which gave a summery of the book "The Judgment of JULIUS and DINEL HOUSENDERO" by JOHN WEXLEY. This literature was reprinted by the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBREL, 940 Broadway, INC.

On 4/29/57 Dr. ALPHEUS T. MASON, Professor of Politics at Princeton University, stated that about a week

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previous, the exact date which he could not establish, a man named PERKINS had called him for an appointment and came around shortly thereafter to fulfill the appointment. He stated that PERKINS said he had formerly been a preacher and a teacher (possibly in the Philosophy Department at Yale University.) PERKINS indicated that he thought the conviction of MORTON SOBELL should be looked into, and that people who were interested in justice might find it interesting to review this case. PERKING indicated that he would not go so far as to say that any injustice had ectually been done but he did think that the whole matter should be carefully reviewed inamuch as MALCOLI SMARP, Professor of Law at the University of Chicago, had "found something wrong." Upon leaving he recommended the book by SHARP called "Was Justice Done?", and left two or three pieces of literature, one of which was entitled "Did the Rosenbergs have Full Measure of Justice?" issued by the MATICHAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE. He also selicited unsuccessfully whatever contribution Dr. MASON would like to give to essitt SOBELL.

not a "crackpot", was very reasonable and restrained in making his presentation, and indicated that he was employed on a full-time basis in making these contacts in behalf of the ROSEMBERG Case and SOBELL. Dr. MASON pointed cut that he and most people in academic fields have a high regard for MALCOLM P. SHAMP, Professor of Law of the University of Chicago, and the fact that SHAMP may have found some irregularities in the BOSEMBERG and SOBELL Cases was a strong recommendation to then that perhaps the matter should be reviewed.

In 4/30/57, Fr. E. S. CORVIN, Professor of Politics, emeritus, of Princeton University, residing at 467 Steckton Rd., Princeton, N.J., stated that about two weeks earlier, the exact date of which he could not recall, a man usued HAVEN P. PERKINS made an appointment to see him at the request of some other local prople and came out to see him at his home. PERKINS did not state where he was staying locally or where he was going when he left Princeton, N.J. He stated that PERKINS took a firm stand that HORTON SOBELL had not received a fair trial, and that his conviction should be reviewed. He caked Professor

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CORWIN to noise a statement concerning the case which could be utilized by the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SHOWN JUSTICE IN THE ROSHIELES CASE, but Professor CORMIN stated he refused to do so until he reviewed the material left by PERKING. He displayed the following material:

- .1. A reprint of a speech from the Congressional record made by US Senator VILLIAM LANGER on 5/9/55
  - Post Dispatch' dated 7/13/55 entitled "Between Bestends" by EHOMAS H. ELIOT, which reviewed MALCOLM P. SHARP's book "Was Justice Done?"
  - 3. A reprint of remarks by Lr. HAROLD UREY on 9/12/56 in NYJ.
  - \*. A list of people who have requested a new trial for MONION SODELL as reported by the ST. LOUIS COMMITTIES FOR MORTON SODELL, 3715 La Salle St., St. Louis, Missouri (MAVEN P. FIRMING, Field Representative)
  - 5. A leaflet entitled "The Western Political Cuarterly" for Dec., 1955 reprinted by the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MERSON SOBELS, 940 Broadway, NIC, which mechaned "The Judgment of JUSTIC TO MAKE WESTER" by JOHN VENLEY.
  - 6. A reprint from the 6/23/56 issue of "The Nation" entitled "The Schools Come of Stephen Love.

Dr. CORVIN stated that FINITIS under a very effective presentation of the matter and ended by soliciting a contribution to assist SCRILL, but that he did not make any contribution; and upon reviewing the facts of the case as provided in the material left by FERRING, he determined that SOREAL had certainly had a fair trial and had given little further thought to the matter. He stated that PERKINS had undoubtedly seen other faculty members around Princeton University, as his methods seemed to call for obtaining accompaniations from the party being interpleted

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in order to obtain entries for future interviews at both the local universities and other universities where PERKINS intended to solicit funds and assistance.

General inquiry around Princeton University indicated that PERKING apparently made no effort to organize student groups or forums or to obtain any publicity in either the college paper or the local weekly newspapers which are published at Princeton University.

If any additional information to obtained concerning ADMING or contioned organization, it will immediately be provided to the Bureau, St. Louis, and New York.

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Recent activity of subject committee has been reflected in the formation of several small neighborhood clubs which have for their main purpose the running of small neighborhood affa irs in order to raise money for captioned organization. These small neighborhood clubs, according to information furnished by informants, do not have membership lists and are chiefly non-membership organizations of a loosely designated leadership. These organizations seemingly spring into existence under one leadership and run a fund raising affair and then die out to spring up again under the same designation but with a different leadership and to run another affair.

In view of the increasing activity of these small groups, for example the "Bronx Sobell Committee" and "The Lower East Side Sobell Committee", a separate Sub file is being added to captioned organization-file in order to handle all such groups. This Pubfile is being designated Sub file G - MISCELLANEOUS CLUBS (NEW YORK AREA)

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The NCSJRC maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City, and the mailbox servicing the office is labelled "Sobell Committee."

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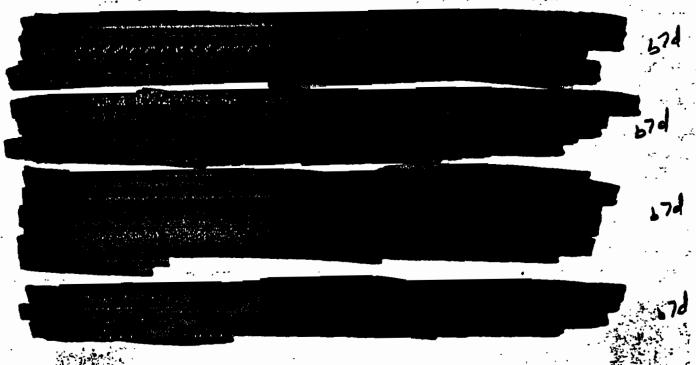
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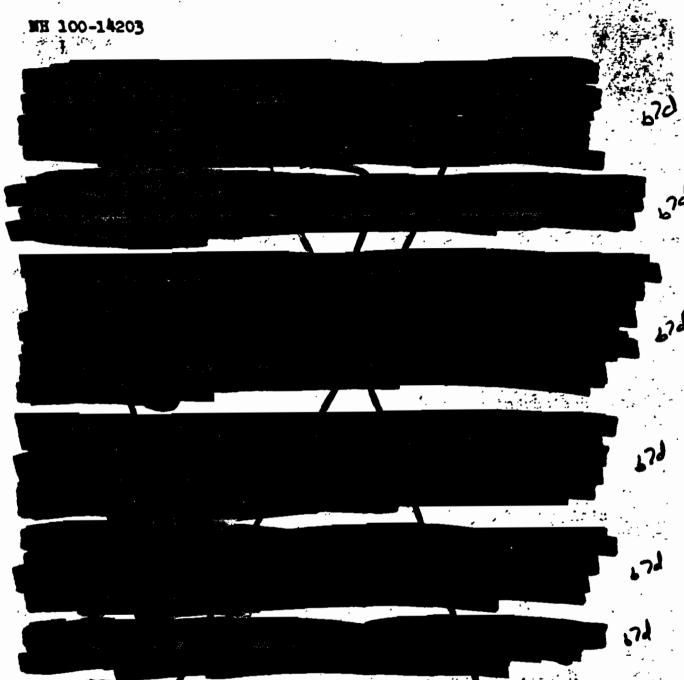


JULIUS And ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to thirty years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

"New York Jeurnal American" advised in January 1952 that the ECSJRC was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERSS.

who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1956, that the MCSJRF was attempting to keep alive the ROSKYBERG case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the Communist Party took an extremely active part in assisting the committee.





noted that WILLARD UPHAUS is publicly known and often referred to as Reverend WILLARD UPHAUS and is also publicly known



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As former national co-director of the American Peace Congress which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursunt to Executive Order \$10450.

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JOHN MARSALKA is publicly known to have formerly taught at Yale University in the 1940's and subsequently to have been national president of the American Slav Congress, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

and who have furnished reliable information the past, advised on 4/9/57, 4/10/57 and 5/10/57 respectively, that they had no knowledge nor information relating to any contacts or activities on the part of HAVEN PERKINS on the Yale University campus during the above period. These informants all stated that had HAVEN PERKINS made any contacts at Yale University in any departments other than the Divinity School, which is set apart from the main Yale campus, that they would have known of





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### ET. LOUIS DIVISION

Copies of this report being designated for the St. Louis Division for information purposes in the captioned case as well as in the cases of CLARA and HAVEN PERKINS who are subjects of the St. Louis Division.

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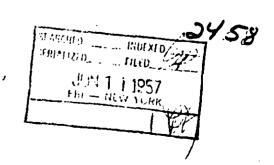
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On 5/26/57. who was in a position to furnish reliable information, (conceal) attended the "SOBELL BOAT RIDE" to Bear Lountain. While attending this affair, this source obtained a pamphlet entitled "SOBELL BOAT RIDE" which contained the program for the day's events. This pamphlet is being placed in the lA section of this file. This pamphlet indicated that the childrens' program aboard the boat would be handled by BETTY SANDERS and YURI SUHL.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-129859) /7-3)

DATE: M// 31 1987

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SA ALESIO SAVIOLA, #7-3

SUPJECT:

SCCIALIST UNITY FORUM, aka: Committee for Socialist Unity

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The "Daily Morker" (5/1/57), page 8, column 1-3) announced that a United Socialist Rally for May Day sponsored by the Committee for Socialist Unity would be held that night (5/1/57) at 8:00 p.m., Central Plaza Hall, NYC.

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attended the above described raily. He ontained three items of possible evidentiary value while attending that rally. These items and the on the rally

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Due to the limited contact had with this individual, his reliability is as yet undetermined.

Description of items and information furnished:

Item 1

Advertisement re a Hudson River Boat Ride to Bear Mountain, 5/26/57, sponsored by the "Sobell Committee" 940 Broadway, NYC.

Location:

Attachment to Serial 2411 of New York file 100-107111.

Item 2

Throwaway announcing a discussion on "The Road to Socialism in America" to be held 5/5/57 at the Brighton Beach Community Center (BBCC). Brooklyn, NY.

Location:

Attachment to Serial of New York file

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Item 3

Program for the United Socialist Rally for May Day held 5/1/57 at Central Plaza, NYC.

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Item 4

oral comments on the United Socialist Rally for May Day, 5/1/57, Central Plaza, NYC.

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All items mentioned above, including oral information, received 5/3/57.

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All items mentioned above received by SA ALESIO SAVIOLA.

#### Item 1

was strictly an advertisement for the boat ride to be held 5/20/57 for the benefit of the Sobell Committee. This item mentioned no names. No further dissemination is necessary.

### Item 2

This throwaway announced that there would be a discussion on "The Road to Socialism in America" at the BBCC, Brooklyn, NY, at 8:30 p.m., 5/5/57. This throwaway announced that the following individuals would speak on that topic:

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A. J. MUSTE, Editor, "Liberation"

JOHN GATES of the CP, Managing Editor, "Daily Worker".

FARRELL DOBBS, National Secretary, SWP.

#### Item 3

The front page of the program of the United Socialist Rally for May Day indicated that the affair was sponsored by the Committee for Socialist Unity (CSU). The Chairman of the affair was CLIFFORD T. MC AVOY. The program was indicated to be as follows:

The Star Spangled Banner; songs by EARL ROBINSON and the May Day Singers.

BERT COCHRAN, Editor, "American Socialist".

Songs by EARL ROBINSON and the May Day Singers.

DOROTHY DAY, Editor, "Catholic Worker".

MYRA TANHER WEISS, Vice-Presidential Candidate, SWP.

JOHN T. MC MANUS, Editor, "National Guardian".

COMRAD LYNN, N.A.A.C.P. Attorney.

Intermission.

GEORGE BLAKE CHARMEY, New York State Chairman, Communist Party.

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Dr. W. E. B. DUBOIS, Historian and Sociologist.

Reverend A. J. MUSTE, Editor, "Liberation".

Pages 2 and 3 or the 4 page program contained the words to popular so called revolutionary songs such as "Solidarity Forever" and others.

Page 4 of the program stated that the CSU, sponsor of this United Socialist Rally, was organized last fall to:

"Promote exchanges of opinion and joint action between Socialists of various tendencies, and

"Bring together unaffiliated Socialists into an organization of their own."

Individuals interested in further information on the program and activities of the CSU were advised to watch the "National Guardian" or to write to the CSU at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

Item 4 Oral Comments on the United Socialist Rally)

The Main Hall at the Central Plzaz was completely filled. The overflow was placed in the Central Plaza Annex (a room in the same building). There were more than 500 people in the Main Hall, more than 200 in the Annex with about 100 people milling about the building. All told there were almost 1,000 people attending this rally.

MC AVOY chaired the meeting in the Hain Hall. He announced that CORLISS LAMONT had volunteered to act as chairman for the overflow crowd in the Annex.

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The speakers spoke twice: once before the main gathering and once in the Annex. was in the main gathering for most of the rally. During the intermission a collection was taken up. The amount collected was not announced, however, MC AVOY stated that it was originally intended that the money collected at this raily would be used for the prayer pilgrimage to Washington. However, they could not accept the money. MC AVOY did not emplain Therefore, MC AVOY announced, it was decided to use the money collected here for the defense of those individuals being persecuted for taking advantage of their rights under the First and Fifth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States before the various "Inquisitorial" committees. MC AVOY added that a committee of himself and four others would decide how this money was to be spent.

The speakers as a whole emphasized the question of Negro rights, the abolition of nuclear weapons and unity among Socialists.

Dr. DUBOIS in particular emphasized the question of Negro rights. He stated that while trouble was occurring in Hungary during the Fall of 1956, yeople were talking about sending troops to help. DUBOIS stated that it would be better to send the troops to Mississippi, that is where they need them.

After DUBOIS's speech, someone remarded to the young lady sitting next to that that was a good speech. This young lady, identified by as a stated "Hell, he makes that same speech every time he gets up."

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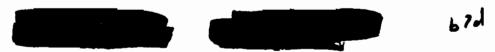
CONRAD LYNN at the outset of his talk stated that he wanted to make it clear that he was not speaking for and did not represent the NAACP at this rally. He said he was speaking for himself. LYNN also spoke mainly regarding the struggle for Negro rights.

GEORGE CHARNEY in his talk emphasized the question of unity. He stated that they all should get together so that they could have a powerful voice in political affairs and questions. CHARNEY stated that in his opinion gatherings such as this rally were conducive to unity, and as a result he felt that Leftists of various persuasions should get together more often.

JOHN T. MC MANUS spent most of his time dwelling on the question of nuclear waapons. He suggested that the proposed tests of nuclear weapons be called off and in addition he called for the great powers to agree to refrain from using neuclear weapons. MC MANUS discussed the recent statement by Pope Pius regarding neuclear weapons.

the rally. She acted as an usher.

the rally:



was unable to furnish any other information regarding this rally.

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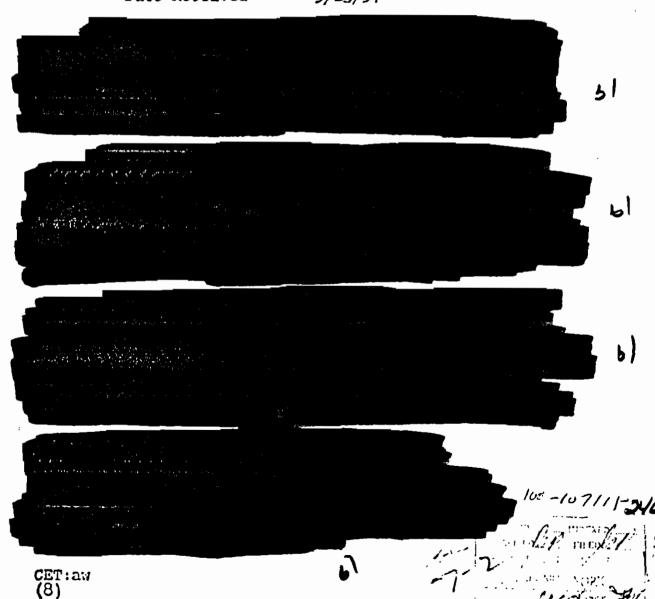
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who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA EDWARD H. GALL literature received by him through the U.S. mails on 5/23/57 from the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, 940 Proadway, New York, N.Y. This literature was made available on 5/28/57 and is described as follows:

It is dated May 21, 1957, and is captioned "ISSUES IN MORTON SOBELL CASE GOING BEFORE SUPREME COURT".

This literature is being forwarded to the New York Office inasmuch as they are the office of origin in captioned case

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SA HERBERT K. STALLINGS

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The informant's verbatim report is set forth below:

HKS:RCM

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Wednesday May 1, 1957

At 8PM I attended a May Day meeting at Central Plaza hall, Second Avenue and sixth street. This was an United Socialist Rally for May Day, sponsored by the Committee for Socialist Unity. The chairman was Clifford T. McAvoy.



During the rolly four resolutions were raised, voted on and passed. (1) They were End Segregation - Enforce the Constitution with reference to the first Amendment.

(2) Restore the Bill of Rights

(3) Ban Nuclear Weapons - stop all tests now

(4) Withdraw troops of all nations from other people's countries.

Songs were sung by Earl Robinson and the May Day singers.

The speakers were Bert Cochran, Editor American Socialist

He spoke with praise for the committee spencoring the rally. He mentioned some of the things they used as topics for discussion. He placed emphasis on the May 17, 1957 pilgrimage to Washington.

(2) Dorothy Day, Editor of the Catholic Worker.

She spoke only about the problem of the negro in the South. She mentioned that she was in Georgia in a community near Americus, and of the hard time a group of whites and colored people living together were having. She said she was even under fire down there.

- Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Vorkers Party speaker. She went into the Restoration of the Bill of Rights and stated that the pilgrimage to Washington was a trip everyone should go on to let the government know what the Amarican wanted. She discussed political promises that were made of which the keeping of is yet to be seen.
- (4) John T. McManus Editor of the National Guardian didn't mention much of anything except that he thought the committee was a good idea and that it was brought about a great deal by people like Rev. Musse. He mentioned the guardian would be an outlet for the the goings on of the committee.
- (5) Conrad Lyon. NAACP attorney stated specifically that he represented no group but spoke for hamself personally. He said he was going to the pilgrimage to Washington and that everyone else should be going there. We stated some of the problems of the nagroes down south and also state some political promises made but not loop. He mentioned slightly the civil liberties not being paceaved, in accordance with the constitution.
- (6) George Blake Charney, New York State Chairman, of the Communist Party, started off by saying that the Party had made a lot of mistakes. He went from that into the issues at hand. He stated that he and his party would tack up the issues brought forth by the committee on the Restoration of the Bill of Rights, the Ban on Nuclear Weapons the withdrawal of all troops in foreign countries, and the ending of segregation.
- (7) Dr. W.E.E. DuBois spoke very triefly on the Ban on Nuclear Weapons stating that Albert Schweitzer had stated how harmful this was. He also emphasized the withdrawal of troops from foreign countries. He mentioned the Negro problem down South and stressed the Filgrimage to Washington and that the ending of segregation should be brought about immediately. He received a huge ovation.

(8) The last speaker Rev. A.J. Muste spoke a little about how pleased he was that the rally was a success. He spoke about civil liberties to the persecuted, the banning of Nuclear tests and about the pilgrimage to Washington.

The rally terminated at about 11 30 FM as soon as the speakers finished upstairs they immediately went to the room one floor below and spoke.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)(#7-2) DATE: 6/6/57

FROM ;

JOHN P. DI MARCHI, SA (#12-16)

SUBIECT:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE

FOR MORTON SOBELL

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SOURCE:

RELIABILITY:

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DATE OF ACTIVITY:

5/26/57

DATE RECEIVED:

5/29/57

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SA JOHN P. DI MARCHI

LOCATION:

Above source attended the "Sobell Boat Ride" to Bear Mountain on 5/26/57. Source furnished a typewritten report regarding this affair. A copy of source's report is being made a part of this serial. Literature received by this source is being disseminated by separate memo.



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5/27/57

SOBELL BOAT RIDE - Sunday, May 26, 1957

There were about 250 people waiting on the 134th St. pier when the boat arrived, after having picked up the first passengers at Battery Park. It was impossible to assess the total crowd, because they were extremely fluid at all times, first scattered all over the chartered boat, and later scattered all over Bear Mountain Park. A rough, very rough guess is 600, but this may be way off.

There was no effort made by the committee to keep any kind of group identification. The committee wore badges while on board, but apparently took them off on landing. Although it was suggested, mildly, that everyone use the picnic area above Hessian Lake, there was no effort made to see that this was done, and people simply merged with the other picnickers and enjoyed the facilities of the park until time to board the boat again at 4:30. There were some organized sport and play activities, but these were not well attended. People merely wandered off in family and friendship groups and had a good time.

Everyone received, on boarding the boat, a copy of a program (enclosed). The literature table mentioned in same could not be located, nor was any real effort made to circulate literature, except for two items handed out as people boarded the boat for the return trip. These were an announcement of the All Nations Picnic sponsored by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, and a leaflet of poems by Helen Sobell (both enclosed). There was an attempt made, on the return trip, to show a film, "War Justice Done", which was apparently the story of the life and trial of Morton Sobell. However, it was extremely light, still, and the film was shown on deck. As a result, the picture could not be seen at all, and the noisy restless children soon drowned out the sound track. A pair of tickets to "My Fair Lady" was raffled off on the return trip at three chances for a dollar. Everyone who bought a chance received a rose, many of them bearing printed tags with the quotation ". . . peace, bread and roses and children's laughter. -- Ethel Rosenberg". From the number of roses in evidence, the raffle was a great success. At one point a man circulated on the boat selling copies of the Wechsler book on the Rosenberg

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case. There was no other literature in evidence.

Most people were strangers, though there were half a dozen vaguely familiar but unidentifiable faces.

The general atmosphere was that of a relaxed crowd, bent on having fun. There was no feeling of militancy, and no effort to stimulate such an attitude. The committee, apparently, wanted only to make money on the sale of tickets and the raffle, and let it go at that. They did not seem unhappy about the results. There is the feeling, which may or may not be accurate, that much of the crowd were ALP contacts, who were approached to buy tickets on the basis of a day in the sun for a good cause.



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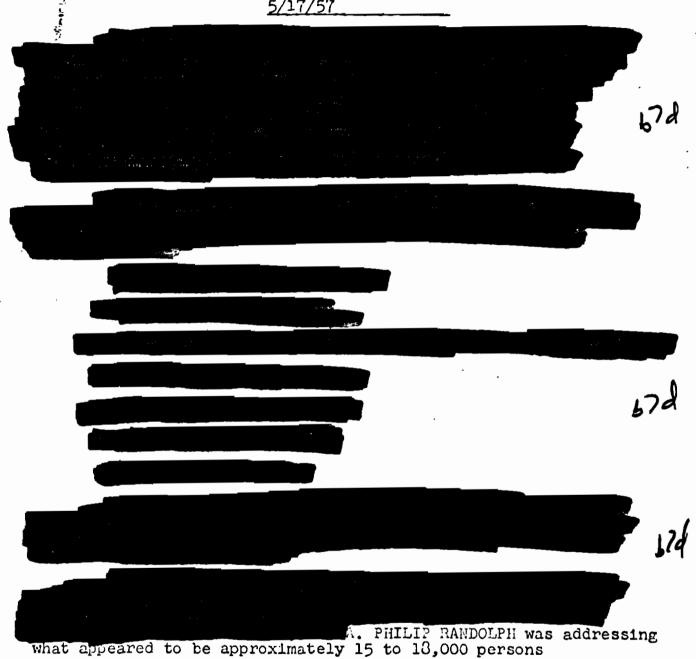
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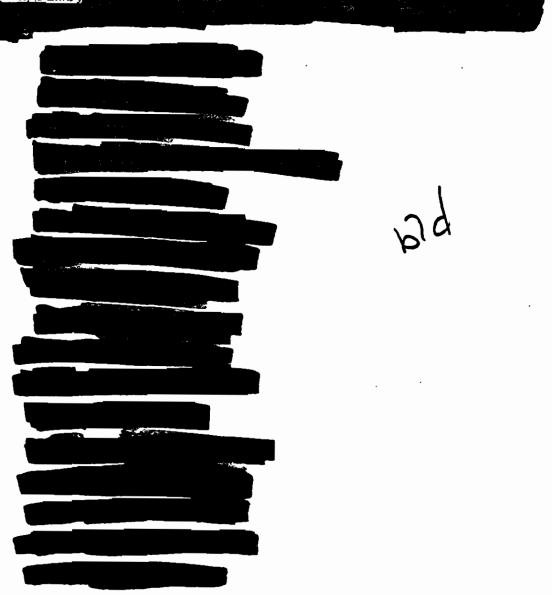
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assembled around the Monument.

I noted the following persons in attendance among the pilgrims,



During the course of the program presented,
Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., of Montgomery, Alabama,
ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, U. S. Representative, New York City,
Reverend THOMAS KILGORE, New York City, and Reverend
MILTON PERRY, a New Jersey Minister, who walked to Washington
for the pilgrimage, spoke. During the program, a person,
whom I do not know, was giving out literature. I received
a copy of this literature, which contained the following
information:

It announced a "sail up the Hudson to Bear Mountain." It was referred to as the "Sobell Boat Ride." The tickets were \$2.50 each for adults and a \$1.00 for children. The boat ride was to take place 5/26/57. The boat, it was announced, was to leave Battery Park, New York City, at 10 A.M. and West 143rd Street at 11:30 A.M., on 5/26/57. This literature contained the statement that one would be contributing to the fund which was necessary to help MORTON SOBELL's legal and public appeals. It stated "there can be no greater tribute to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg than to obtain for Morton Sobell that which they wished for all people - peace, liberty, roses, and children's laughter. The address given at which tickets could be obtained was Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 3, New York.

Before the closing of the ceremonies, it was announced that those in attendance should go to the Uline Arena (phonetic) in Washington, D. C., and there register in order to get a back and a certificate which would identify those in attendance as having been pilgrims in attendance at this affair.

At approximately 3:30 P.M., at the termination of the proceedings around the Lincoln Monument, I went to the Uline Arena along with several thousand others and obtain one of the badges at a cost of \$1.00.

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On 5/26/57, above source attended a boat ride to Bear Mt. sponsored by the Committee to Secure Justice in the Morton Sobell Case. While attending this affair, the source received a pamphlet entitled "3 Poems by Mrs. Morton Sobell". This pamphlet is being placed in the \*\* lA section of this file.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:

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JAMES P. HALLERON, SA (#7)

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By report dated 5/4/57, furnished detailed information concerning the "Unity May Day" meeting in New York 5/1/57, at the Central Plaza.

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Report

Committee for Socialist

May 4, 1957 New York.

Unity Activities.

re: "Unity May Day" meeting in New York

At about 7:50 p.m. on May 1st, 1957 the main hall in Central Plaza in New York was "overfilled"

told to go to a smaller

hall in the same building where another May Day meeting is being held.

At a little after 8 p.m. over 300 people were in this hall.

The chairman of this second May Day meeting was Corliss Lamont who opened the meeting with a statement that he was "drafted" to chair this meeting and that the two halls have "some 2,000 Socialist-minded people who came to celebrate May Day" (I rearned later that there were only about 1,200 people in both halls at Central Plaza). In his remarks, Corliss Lamont underlined that "Socialist" minded forces here and abroad are supporting the Socialist Unity movement to achieve democratic Socialism."

The meetin opened with the singing of the Star Spangled Eanner. Te singers were Earl Robinson, Louise Jeffers and Bob Claiborne - they also furnished the entertainment program.

Dorothy Day, editor of theCatholic Worker, told the meeting of her visit to a "communal farm" near Americus in the State of Georgia. She said that this farm is "inter-racial" and that "religious communism" is practiced there. She spoke about how "the Georgian are boycotting"the farm; that the stores wouldn't sell anything, "not even seeds". She spoke about the "terroristic acts" of members of the White Citizens Council against the people of the farm. She said that one night she and a friend of hers were up "all night guarding one of the buses while bullets flew from their (W.C. Council) guns". She also stated that "Christ is love which the Georgians and other Southerners lack" and that "Socialism is not anti-religion". She said that when "Lenin stated that Socialism is against reigion it was because religion came out against Socialism". She concluded

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her speech with an appeal for "all left groups to work togetter for a world of love".

Bert Cochran, editor of the publication "American Socialist", stated that "Unity of all Socialist groups is long overdue" but he urged "caution in attempting to form any New Movements at this time". He said that "the times call for discussions and study" to see how to bring a "strong American Socialist movement". He underlined the necessity of a "revision of certain outlived points in the Marxist theory". He stated that he welcomes this meeting which "points to greater things in the future of building a democratic Socialism in America". He also called for ending the H-bomb tests.

The singers were getting ready to perform.

Someone brought in a sign which read: "For a united Socialist movement" which he hung up on the wall at the speackers platform. One of the singers, Bob Clairborne, looked at the sign and said into the microphone: "This is long overdue but it isn't to late". His remark drew prolonged apploads.

Myra Tanner Weiss, of the Socialist Workers Party, greeted the meeting with "all enthusiasm at my command." She said that "another Unity action will take place on May 26th and I hope that thousands of us will unite in this action, an action for Justice for Morton Sobell". (She reffered to a Hudson River boat ride to Bear Mountains arranged by the Morton Sobell Committee for May 26th, 1957).

Myra Weiss spoke against the "reactionary labor leaders", George Meany and Walter Reuther. She underlined the importance of "developing a movement within the A.F.L.-C.I.O. to struggle against the labor bureaucrats" and she underlined that "The Bolsheviks were right when they took over the power in Russia" and she expressed her belive that "The American Workers will also take over the power and establish Socialism here because the working class is the advanced force of progress." She also underlined the importance of organizing a Labor Party.

John J. Mc Manus, general manager of the National Guardian, told the meeting that Muste (Rev. A.J.) worked for two years

to organize a united Socialist movement in the U.S. He said that this meeting came "as a resolt of a chalege" of a reader of the National Guardian; that Clifford Mc Avoy took up this chalege and "as a resolt of it we are meeting here tonight."

He also told the meeting that Norman Thomas refused to attend this meeting. He read a letter from Norman Thomas in which he stated that he will not join in 'celebration with the Communists until they will purge themselves of Leninism but he would debate against them. Mc Manus told the meeting about the arest in New Orleans of a Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins "which is similar to the Braden case". He asked people to donate funds for their defense and that all donations should be adressed to Oakley Johnson, a Communist.

The chairman read to the meeting and asked to adopt the following resolutions:

To ban Nuclear Weapons and to stop the tests now.

To Withdraw of all troops from other peoples countries.

To end segregation and to enforce the Constitution.

To restore the Bill of Rights.

All resolutions were adopted "unanimously".

Before making the call for collections Corliss Lamont said that the original plan was to turn over the collection from this meeting to the Pilgrimage to Washington which will take place on May 17th but the Committee in charge of this meeting was notified by the Pilgrimage Committee that it was decided not accept any funds for the Pilgrimage from any political party, this includes the Republican and the Democratic parties. Because of this, Lamont said, it was decided to turn over the funds which will be collected here to the "Provisional Civil Liberties Committee" in charge of Corliss Lamont, Rev. Muste and Clifford Mc Avoy. "We will decide which organizations will get the money we will collect tonight." Lamont called for It was not possible to estimate the contributions. contributions made at the two halls.

Conrad Lynn, attorney (Negro) for the NAACP spoke on the May 17th Pilgrimage to Washington. He said that he speaks at this meeting as an individual. He said that although he is a member of the Pilgrid are Committee and an attorney for the NAACP he does not speck here in their name. He asked everyone at the meeting to join the palgrimage to Washington. He said that "we would want to see 100,000 people, and mostly white people, in Washington at the pilgrimage on May 17th." He spoke of the "Struggle for Civil rights and he underlined that not only the Southerners but many Northern Democrats and Republicans are responsible for blocking civil rights bills in Congress. He also stated that the Southerners who are for segregation and against "setting the Negro people free are helping to uphold the rule of monopoly capitalism in the United States".

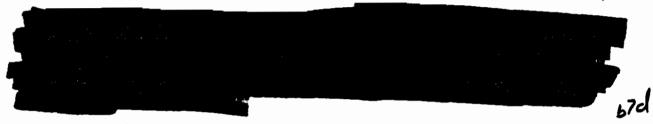
George Blake spoke in the name of the Communist Party. Blake stated that "many on the left who feel pessimistic on this May Day because of the weakening of the radical and progressive movement" because of the "cold war attack and the Smith Act laws and the serious mistakes made by the Communist Party". He does "not share in the negative judgement or the pervading gloom or the collapse of a faith in fundamental values." He stated that the "Working Class movement in America is growing and with it are growing te forces of unity". Blake said that he had this day a few phone calls and that one student from the N.Y.U. asked him about the military display in Moscow at the May Day celebration. Blake said: "I told him I am more concerned over the maneuvers of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean" George Blake called upon the people to join in the pilgrimage to Washington on May 17th and to fight for peace and against an atomic war.

The chairman announced that this meeting can now join the meeting at the main hall.

The main hall was still more than 3/4 filled. Mc Avoy was still at his place as chairman. Rev. A.J. Muste was ending his speech. He said: "It take: courage to recognize mistakes. George Charney (Elake) did just this. He said that the Communist Party made many mistakes. I say that we also have made many mistakes. He called upon everyone at the hall to fight "for peace and freedom against

a Nuclear War" and for unity. Most of the speakers called upon the people to participate in the pilgrimage on May 17th.

Most of the people at the meetings in both halls consisted of Communists. They were the people who are usualy seen at Communist mass meetings. There were also some unfamiliar faces.



The large hall was decorated with signs which read: "Solidarity Forever". "End Segregation. Enforce the Constitution." "Restore the Bill of Rights". "Withdraw troops of All Nations from other People's Countries". "Ban Nuclear Weapons. Stop the Tests Now."



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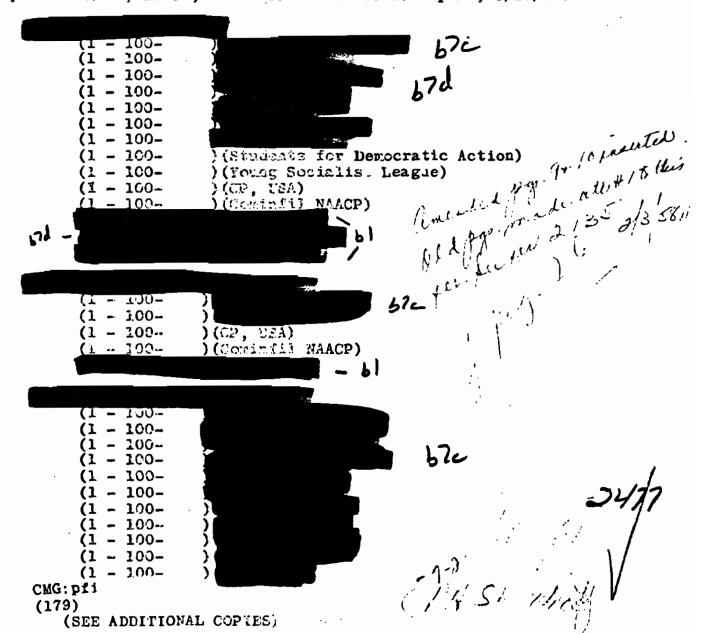
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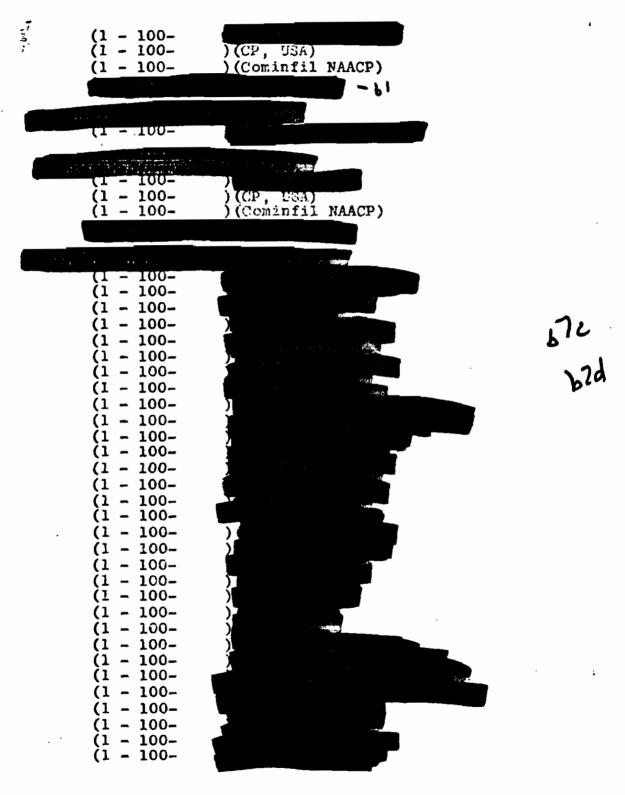
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The following is information furnished to the Washington Field Office by informants from other Divisions regarding captioned function held at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C., from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., 5/17/57.



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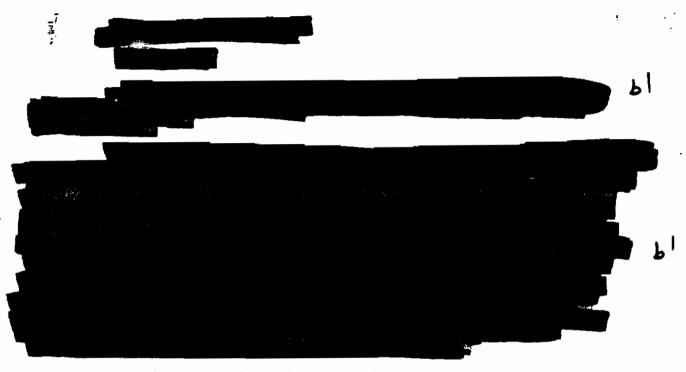
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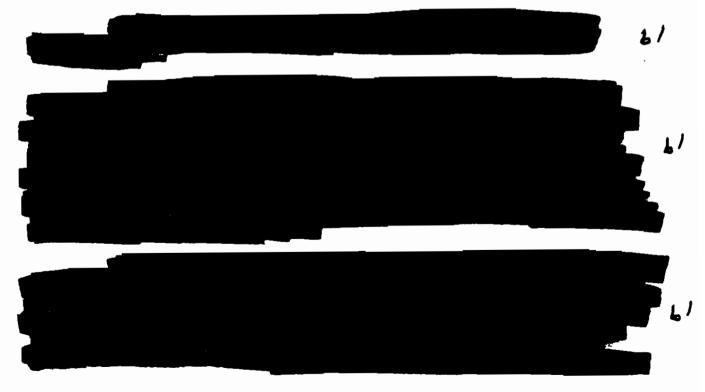
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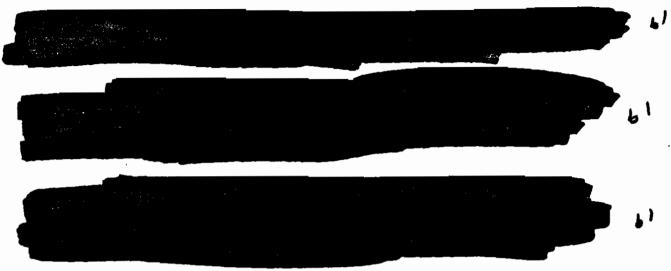
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Informant advised he would again telephone WFO following the services held at Lincoln Memorial this date.





The informant had no knowledge that any CP members or officials from any part of the country participated actively in the proceedings concerning the March on Washington.

At 5:00 p.m., 5/17/57, furnished telephonically the following information to SA FHILIP H. WILSON of the WFO:

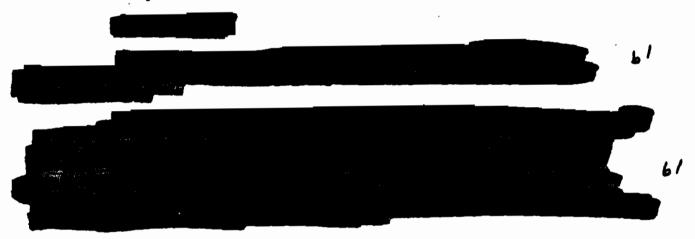
Informant arrived late at the "Prayer Pilgrimage" at Lincoln Memorial, arriving around 2:30 p.m. Informant stated that the meeting was over and persons in attendance had dispersed by 3:45 p.m. Informant stated it was difficult to estimate the number of persons in attendance, but approximated around 30,000 people.

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Informant stated there were representatives of the Young Socialist League present. Informant stated that the SWP was selling their official organ, "The Militant" at this affair.

Informant overheard one of the Trotskyites mention they were having a party somewhere on the evening of 5/17/57.

Informant stated he believed that most of the individuals in attendance at this function were leaving the District of Columbia early that evening, although some churches would be serving dinner. Informant terminated the call at this point, stating that he could talk no longer, but would try to contact the WFO later.

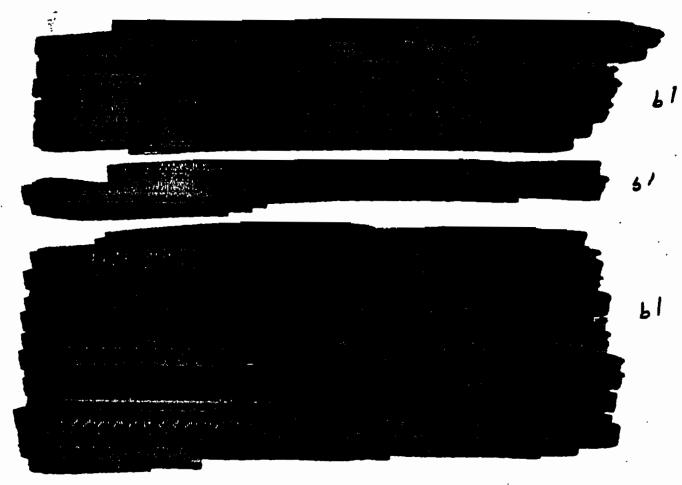


Informant reported he recognized the following individuals in attendance at this function:



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Informant reported captioned function lasted from about 12:00 noon to 3:25 or 3:30. Due to lack of time, informant could furnish be further information.



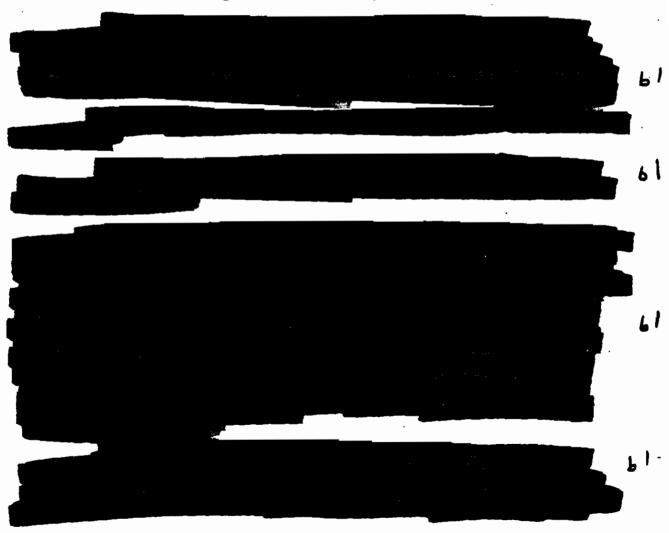
According to the informant, the CP feels that the "Pilgrimage" was successful, although they do not think that enough people turned out. They estimated that between 10,000 and 15,000 were all that attended but the CP feels this is a start toward a mass movement. The group with which the informant had traveled feels that their trip was successful since they have met with and have had some co-ordination with groups from neighboring areas. He stated that they feel that a group of 5 or 6 meeting with other groups in co-ordinating their thoughts can result in some co-ordinated movement.

Concerning the program, informant reported that he arrived just before the speech by MORDECAI JOHNSON. He stated that the only two changes in the program he knew of were that one Rabbi was supposed to speak but another Rabbi was substituted. He also stated that Senator DOUGLAS was scheduled to speak but did not appear.

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The informant estimated attendance at 30,000 to 35,000. He stated there was no mention of the CP functionaries present. He stated that the CP was mentioned, but that there was no indication that the sponsors of the event desired or favored CP support.

He stated that the only speech which moved the CP members to any extent was that by Representative POWELL. He stated that POWELL used to say that one should vote for the best man. At this meeting he stated that he, POWELL, now wants a third party with church leadership. According to the informant, the CP members in the Chicago Delegation were very happy concerning this statement by POWELL. They seemed to the informant to be already making plans to infiltrate such an organization.



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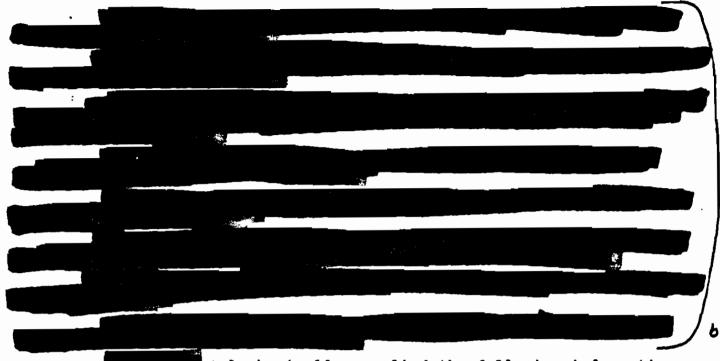
The informant stated at this point he had to hang up but that he would report more later.

At 4:05 p.m., 5/17/57, telephonically contacted the WFO, supplying the following information to SA LAWRENCE T. GURLEY:

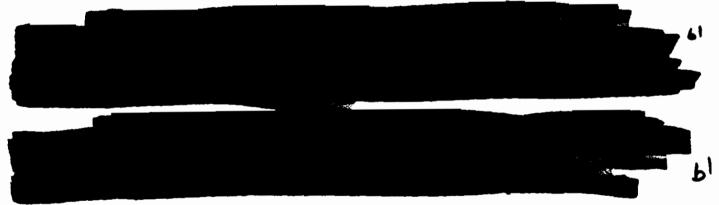
The proceedings started at Lincoln Memorial at approximately 12:05 p.m. and concluded at approximately 3:30 p.m.

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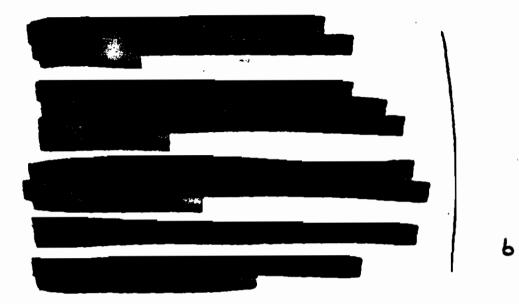


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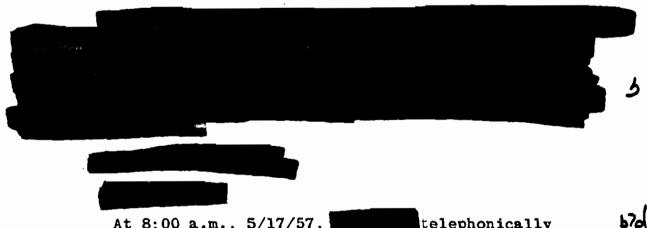


Informant stated that to his knowledge, no CP figures were introduced at the Lincoln Memorial meeting and that he had furnished the names of all those connected with the CP whom he knew.

At 8:10 a.m., 5/17/57, telephonically contacted WFO and spoke to SA C. EDWIN GLASS, JR. Informant advised he



Informant did not know the nature or purpose of this meeting and stated that he had merely overheard information that these individuals would attend such a meeting. He stated that they were supposed to leave Washington at about 8:00 p.m. this evening. He stated that in the event he learns anything further concerning this meeting or more definite identification of these individuals, he will immediately furnish same to this office.



At 8:00 a.m., 5/17/57, telephonically contacted the WFO and furnished the following information to SA GLASS, JR.:

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Informant stated he would contact the WFO if and when anything significant occurs.

At 5:02 p.m., 5/17/57, telephonically communicated with the WFO, furnishing the following information to SA GURLEY:

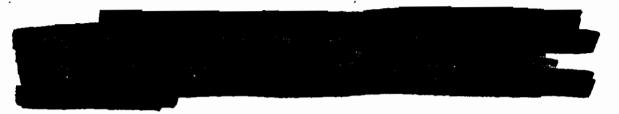
The function commenced at Lincoln Memorial at approximately noon and terminated at about 3:00 p.m. Representative from New York ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, estimated that approximately 25,000 people were in attendance. POWELL told the audience that both the Democrats and Republicans have failed the colored people in their fight for civil rights and that POWELL was in favor of a third party backed by the Church. He said that if the NAACP is outlawed by the various states there is no reason why the ministers and churches cannot continue to fight for the Negros civil rights. He stated that POWELL "blasted" the Dixiecrats. He said that a helicopter was noted to be circling the area of the Lincoln Memorial and that POWELL stated that Senator EASTLAND of Mississippi was in this helicopter and was responsible for its hovering over the area.

Informant stated that the various ministers and ROY WILKINS of the NAACP "blasted" the CP. They said that the CP was an evil force and that it attempted to use the NAACP as a front for CP activities. They further said that the CP can mean only poverty, economic strain and slavery. The speakers made no mention of violence in any way and their theme was that those in attendance and Negros throughout the U.S. should proceed in their efforts for civil rights legislation in a manner which was gentle and with no malice for anyone.

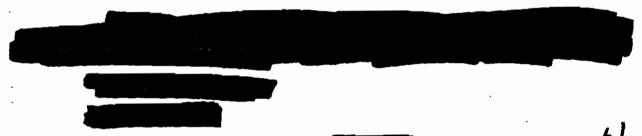
Informant stated that they were advised that after the termination of proceedings at Lincoln Memorial, they should return to the various churches in Washington from which the groups originated in order to pick up their badges and certificates showing they had attended this function.

Informant stated that Representative POWELL also mentioned that those in attendance should send telegrams to the President, Vice President and leaders of the House

and Senate requesting an audience with each in an effort to gain enactment of civil rights laws. He said that POWELL specified no definite time and no definite individual who should take care of preparing these telegrams.



Informant stated that no CP members were introduced or spoke to his knowledge at this function.



At 5:15 p.m., 5/17/57, telephonically contacted the WFO and furnished the following information to SA GARNETT:

Informant stated he attended captioned function at the Lincoln Memorial which began at twelve noon 5/17/57. He stated that Representative ADAM POWELL stated that approximately 25.000 people were in attendance at this affair.

According to the informant the following individuals were the principal speakers at this function:

A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH, President of the Pullman Porters Union.

RANDOLPH presided over this function and spoke in favor of the NAACP. He stated that all people should work to see that the NAACP was not outlawed in the South.

RANDOLPH introduced all of the other speakers at this function.

Mrs. IRENE MC COY GAINES, Chairman, Chicago, Illinois, National Association for the Advancement of Colored Women.

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Mrs. GAINES stated that all Negro women should play more of a leading role in politics.

Mrs. WILLIAM T. MASON, President, National Council of Negro Women, Noriolk, Virginia

Informant was unable to hear the comments of Mrs. MASON.

Reverend THOMAS A. KILGORE, JR., Friendship Baptist Church, New York City

Informant was unable to hear the comments of Reverend KILGORE.

Dr. MORDECAI W. JOHNSON, President, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

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Dr. JOHNSON stated it is time for the Negro people to wake up and realize that the Democratic and Republican parties appear not to be sincere with the Negro people. He stated that the Negro people must be united in their efforts to obtain full civil rights.

Reverend WILLIAM H. BORDERS, Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Informant was unable to obtain the contents of Reverend BORDER's remarks.

ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP

WILKINS stated that the NAACP is doing all in its power to keep this organization from being outlawed in the South.

## Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING

Reverend KING stated that the Negro people will win but would win only through prayer and he advocated a course of nonviolence.

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, United States Representative 16th District, New York

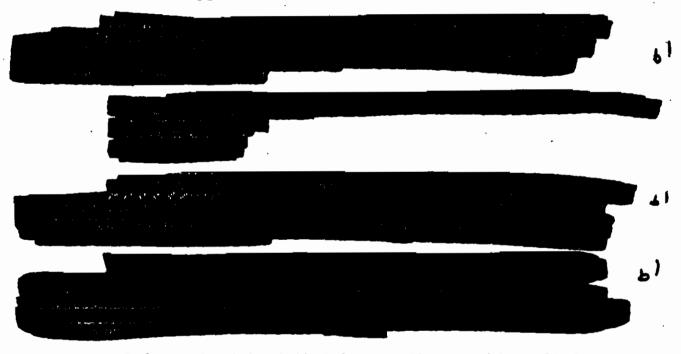
Representative POWELL stated that the South will lose a lot of votes in coming elections because of their insincerity

to the Negro people. He predicted that the South would probably go Republican in the future.

Representative CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR., United States Representative, 15th District, Michigan

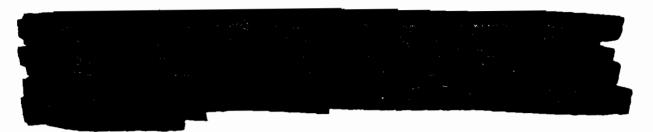
Representative DIGGS stated that the Negro vote would in all probability go to the Republican Party in the future if the Democratic Party did not awaken to the needs of the Negro people.

Informant stated that all speakers at this function gave their full support to the NAACP.



Informant advised that he saw three unidentified white women selling "The Militant" at ten cents per copy at this function.

Informant estimated the attendance at this function to be around 35,000. He stated that at the conclusion of this function, an official stated that individuals in attendance should go to their respective churches or to the Uline Arena to pick up cards which indicated that they had attended this function.



At 9:40 a.m., 5/19/57, telephonically contacted the WFO and spoke to the agent on duty. SA JOHN J. MORRIS.

information to report on captioned function.

On the afternoon of 5/17/57,

Detective Eureau, Detroit Police Department, and

of the Michigan State Police, advised

SA JOHN R. PALMER of the WFO they had driven together from

Detroit, Michigan to attend captioned function.

advised he had observed at captioned function . the following individuals known to him:



At 4:20 p.m., 5/17/57, telephonically contacted the WFO and furnished the following information to SA JAMES D. HUPPERT:

Informant advised he recognized at captioned function

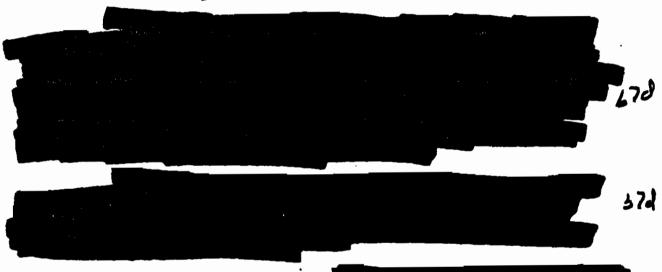
Informant advised that these individuals, to his knowledge, merely milled around in the crowd and took no active part in captioned function. Informant stated he knew of no CP officials or CP members who were introduced and/or spoke at captioned function.

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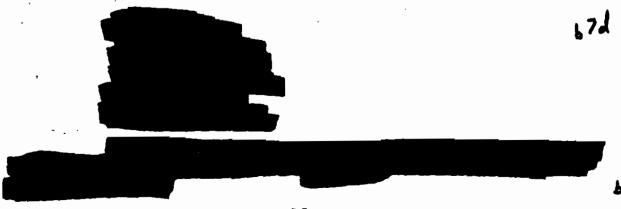
At 9:15 a.m. 5/17/57, telephonically contacted SA CARROLL M. GARNETT of the WFO and supplied the following information:

He advised that the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Local #65, UOPWA, New York City, are endorsers of captioned matter.

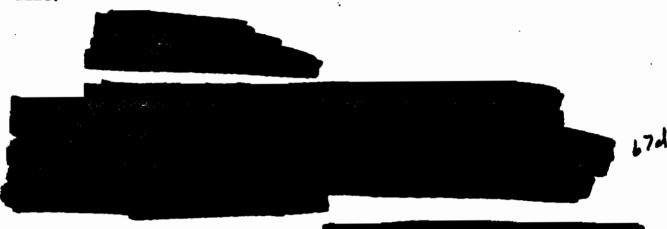


At 1:40 p.m., 5/17/57, advised SA CARROLL M. GARNETT as follows:

He stated the following individuals known to him to be CP members in attendance at captioned affair at the Lincoln Memorial on this date:

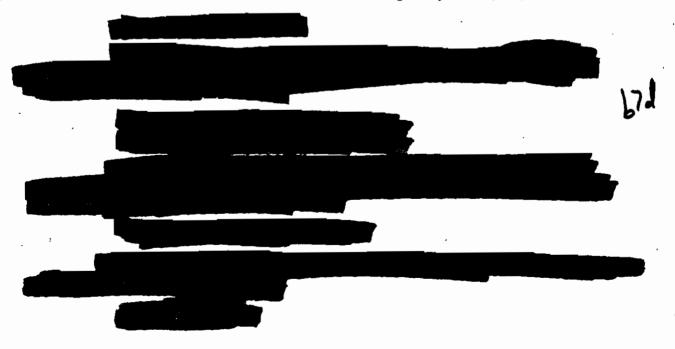


advised that the following individuals were also in attendance at captioned affair and that these individuals are known to him to support and follow the CP line:

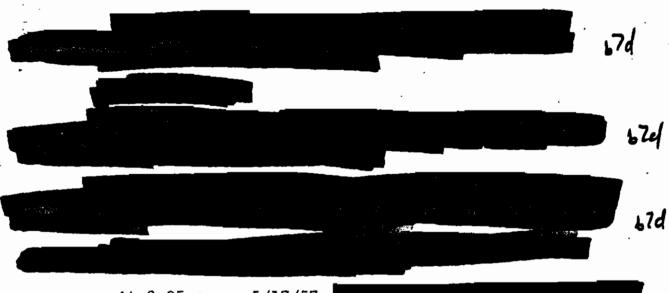


At 5.30 p.m., 5/17/57, advised SA CARROLL M. GARNETT as follows:

He stated that he recalled since supplying information earlier to the WFO that the following individuals were observed by him to be in attendance at captioned function held at the Lincoln Memorial from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m., on 5/17/57.



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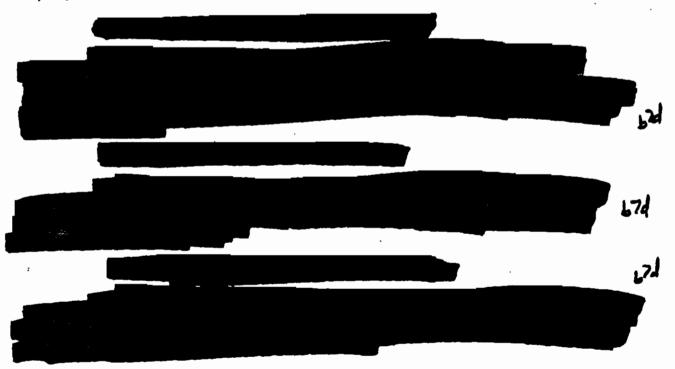


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GARNETT of the WFO and supplied the following information:

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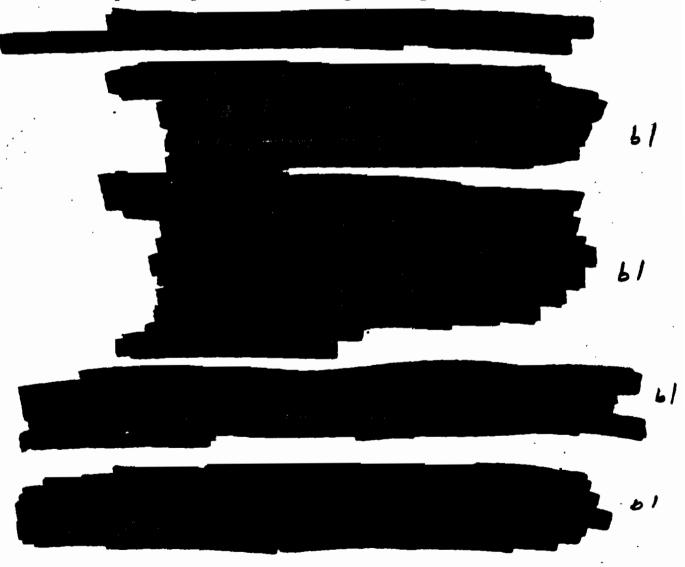
stated he had recalled the following information since previously contacting the office. He stated that the following individuals were in attendance at captioned affair here at the Lincoln Memorial from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m., 5/17/57.



At 2:43 p.m., 5/17/57, telephonically supplied the following information to SA PHILIP H. WILSON of WFO.

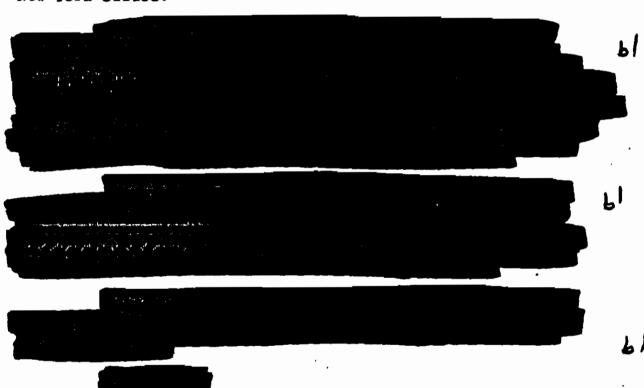
Informant stated the "Prayer Pilgrimage" started at exactly 12 noon 5/17/57, at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C. Informant reported that at the time of his calling the program was about three-forths completed.

Informant estimated that there were 30 to 35 thousand persons present at this gathering.



At 4:20 p.m., 5/17/57, telephonically recontacted WFO and supplied the following information to SA JOSEPH A. CONNORS. JR.:

Informant advised he did not recognize any of the speakers, although he does have a copy of the program for the day which he will make available to agents of the New York Office.



At 11:50 a.m., 5/17/57, telephonically contacted the WFO and furnished the following information to SA HUPPERT:

"Labor Action" and "Cross Roads" among the persons assembled for the captioned matter.

The informant advised he would telephonically contact the WFO following captioned function.

At 6:40 p.m., 5/17/57, telephonically recontacted the WFO, furnishing the following information to SA LAWRENCE T. GURLEY:

Informant reported that members of the SWP were distributing copies of "The Militant" at the Lincoln Memorial during captioned function. Informant stated he did not recognize any of the individuals distributing "The Militant" as SWP members, but thought they must be in view of the fact they were distributing this paper. Informant stated that one man distributing "The Militant" stated that captioned function was a wonderful opportunity and that this man was pleased with the response of the people to this paper.

Informant stated that the NAACP was disappointed that more people were not in attendance and that the number expected and anticipated had not arrived.

Informant stated that he has nothing further to report; that he called in shortly after the cessation of activities at the Lincoln Memorial and furnished what information he had at that time.

At 10:16 p.m., 5/17/57, again telephonically furnished the following information to SA GURLEY:



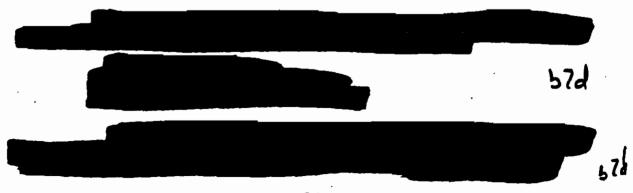
With regard to the speeches which were made at Lincoln Memorial today and the various speakers, he stated

that it would take him some time to marshal his facts with regard to specifics but that the speakers made no reference to violence of any kind. He stated that POWELL stated that various means such as strikes and slow downs in business should be used in an effort to force the enactment of civil rights legislation for Negroes. He also stated that while POWELL appeared to be fighting for the NAACP, it was the opinion of source that POWELL could have been influenced by "someone" in his speech in view of the fact that POWELL kept insisting on the need for a third party. He was asked specifically whether or not source had any information indicating that the CP had influenced POWELL in any way in this regard and source stated that he had absolute no information relative to this. He mentioned that he heard several other people, identities not recalled, who seemed to think it strange that POWELL would come out with such a statement. He stated that his group would hold a meeting next week to go over the happenings and speeches at the "Prayer Pilgrimage" and that if POWELL has been influenced in any way, source is of the opinion that it will be determined at this meeting.

Source stated that he had no further information at this time.

At 3:27 p.m., 5/17/57, telephonically supplied the following information to SA GURLEY of WFO:

Proceedings commenced at Lincoln Memorial at 12 noon and terminated at approximately 3:00 p.m. Informant was unable to make an estimate of the number of people attending but stated that one of the speakers, Representative POWELL, estimated the crowd at 25,000. Informant stated that he recognized no CP functionaries in attendance nor to his knowledge were any CP figures introduced during the program.



Informant stated that no positive plans have been made but that the speakers stated that official delegates will meet at Uline Arena immediately after the termination of proceedings at Lincoln Memorial. The remainder of the group would "just lounge around the city," until time to leave. He stated that he would immediately attempt to learn of any further plans and would call this office as soon as such plans are learned and would also furnish the identity of any further CP members or functionaries who come to his attention.

Informant stated that it had been impossible for him to call this office earlier in view of the fact that he was unable to get away from the rest of his group until the time of instant call.

Informant stated that the speeches at this proceeding were in line with the theme of the "Pilgrimage for Prayer" and that there was absolutely no talk of violence of any kind.

recontacted the WFO at 5:29 p.m., 5/17/57, furnishing the following information to SA GURLEY:

He made reference to his earlier call to SA GURLEY and stated after talking with this agent, he proceeded to Uline Arena where he determined that nothing of significance was taking place. He could not estimate the number of people at Uline Arena.



Informant stated that he had nothing further of significance to report.

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At 1:10 p.m., 5/17/57, telephonically contacted WFO, furnishing the following information to SA HUPPERT:

Informant stated he had been attending the proceedings at Lincoln Memorial and so far had recognized the following individuals



The informant stated he has observed a leaflet being distributed entitled "Friends and Family of SOBELL". It included an announcement that this group was sponsoring a boat ride in New York in the near future

stated he would again call WFO at the conclusion of the ceremonies at Lincoln Memorial.

recontacted WFO and supplied the following information to SA GLASS, JR., regarding the "Prayer Pilgrimage" at the Lincoln memorial:



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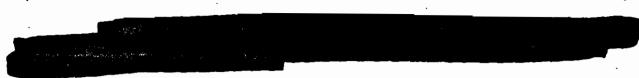
"Pilgrimage." He mentioned that ADAM CLAYTON POWELL had mentioned in his speech that there were 25,000 present at the Lincoln Memorial.

At 5:49 p.m., 5/17/57, recontacted WFO telephonically, furnishing information to SA GURLEY:

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Informant said that in addition to CP members previously mentioned by him he also recognized the following in attendance at the "Prayer Pilgrimage:"

Informant stated that it was considered that the "Prayer Pilgrimage" was generally a success, but that those in attendance with whom he talked and definitely the leaders of the NAACP felt that the attendance fell far short of the number expected and anticipated.



It is to be noted that during the "Prayer Pilgrimage from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., 5/17/57, SAS ELMER LEE TODD and RAYMOND L. O'KELLY observed a woman passing out copies of "The Worker" for Sunday, 5/19/57. She passed out approximately 100 copies of the paper. SAS TODD and O'KELLY both obtained a copy of the paper from the woman who stated that she was a supporter of the paper and that the issue she was passing out contained the real reason for the meeting at the Lincoln Memorial. She said that next Sunday's edition of "The Worker" would contain a report on the affair:

Her description is as follows:

White Race Complexion Pale, almost anemic looking White, cut short and straight Hair 5'3" (approx.) Reight Weight 120 lbs. (approx.) Thin and pointed Nose Dress Light green print dress. No stockings. Loafer type shoes with buckle on top of shoes. Age

During the hours of the "Prayer Pilgrimage" from 12:00 noon through 3:00 p.m., 5/17/57, SAs of the WFO observed the following noted individuals in attendance at captioned function:

Individuals Observed	SAs Observing	
EUGENE DEMNIS	WINFRED H. AND	
	JOHN R. PALMER PAUL E. MORRISON	

JAMES EDWARD JACKSON ESLANDA ROBESON

PAUL RODESON

WINFRED H. ANDERS
JOHN R. PALMER
PAUL E. MORRISON
RAYMOND L. O'KELLY
J. LEWIS KELLY
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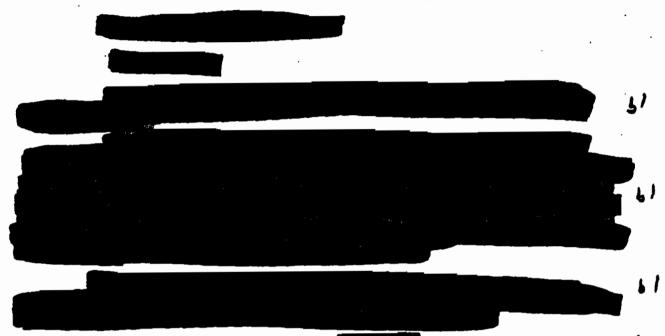
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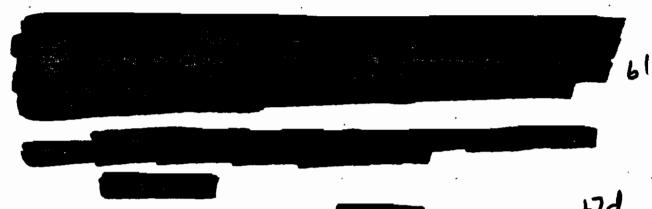
F. B. GRIFFITH, JR.
J. J. WIS KELLY
WINFRED H. ANDERS
PAUL E. MORRISON
RAYMOND L. O'KELLY



At 3:19 p.m., 5/17/57, telephonically recontacted WFO and furnished the following information to SA GURLEY:

Informant stated that the proceedings at Lincoln Memorial concerning the "Prayer Pilgrimage" was under way at the time she arrived at the memorial at 12:30 p.m. She stated that she was of the opinion that most of the speakers were Ministers from the South and she was of the further opinion that the meeting started at approximately 12:00 noon.





At 2:15 p.m., 5/17/57, telephonically contacted WFO and supplied the following information to SA GARNETT:

Informant advised he is in attendance at the captioned matter at Lincoln Memorial and stated that

Informant advised that he would recontact the WFO at a later time on this date, if security allowed this action. P.

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The informant stated at this point he had to hang up but that he would report more later.

At 4:05 p.m., 5/17/57, telephonically contacted the WFO, supplying the following information to SA LAWRENCE T. GURLEY:

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Informant stated that to his knowledge there was no participation in these proceedings by the leadership of the CP.

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At 8:10 a.m., 5/17/57, telephonically contacted WFO and spoke to SA GLASS, JR. Informant advised he

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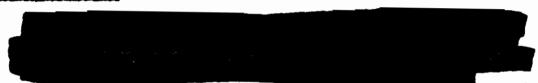
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On 'ay 29, 1957, Confidential Source (protect identity) furnished SA GERHARD P. HUNDT with trash from the apartment of HAMS PREISTADE and his wife RUTH REBERRA STRUIK FREISTADT, 757 High Street, Newark, New Jersey.

The PRUISTADI's are documented as follows:

#### HAMS FREISTADT

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RUTH ARDICTADT (RUTH REPUBLICAN STRUIR)

3-1 (anonymous) advised on Farch 9, 1949 that RUTH ANNUL of Warthmore Jollege, Swarthmore, Fonnsylvania had been transferred from the Media Blub to the Student Section of District 3, CP USA.

T-1 stated that NUM STRUIK had paid her CP dues for the first quarter of 1949.

(The enonymous source is T-1 a highly confidential and reliable source referred to in the report of of Tayin (, Furginate, In. dated aptomber 23, 1049 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.)

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- 1. An envelope to HANG FRUISTADT and RUTH RESERVA HTRUIK, 757 High "treet, Howark, New Jersey Grom 50 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, New York, postmarked "arch 12, 1957, New York, New York.
- 2. An envelope to HANS FREMATADE and RUPH RESTRIKA STRUKK from cuite 201, 23 West 26th Street, New York 10, New York postmarked 1957, New York 7, New York.

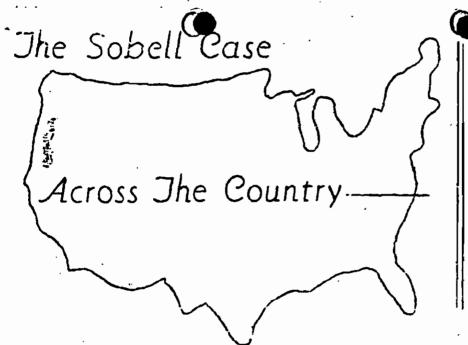
With the above envelope use a printed letter dated March 15, 1957 bearing the letterhead of the AMERICAN COMMITTION FOR PROTECTION OF MORNIGH COMM, 23 West 26th Street, New York 16, New York signed by ADTIN GROWN, Incombine Tecretary. The letter was an invitation to attend the Tast Coast Conference of the AMERICAN COMMITTED FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BOPN to be held at the Eussian-American Cultural Hall, 1150 North Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Ponnsylvania on March 24, 1957. Accompanying this letter was a flyer announcing the Test Coast Conference.

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April 11th
is Morton Sobell's
40th Birthday

Please remember to ser him a birthday card

> Mr.Morton Sobell No. 996 Alcatraz.Cal.

March, 1957

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

COURT DECIDING ON SOBELL APPEAL—The U.S. Appeals Court is deciding on whether to grant Morton Sobell a hearing on the new evidence. A decision can be forthcoming at any time... Court observers agreed that Sobell's attorneys argued brilliantly...Should the court decision be negative, Sobell's attorneys have 30 days to file notice of appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

MEXICAN ATTORNEY CONTINUING WORK--The eminent Mexican attorney, Dr. Luis Sanchez Ponton, is back in Mexico City continuing his work on the case. Dr. Sanchez Ponton intends to interest prominent attorneys and law professors throughout Latin America. In his appearance before the U.S. Appeals Court, he was able to refute the prosecution claim that Sobell was legally deported...

PROTESTS HELPED WIN VISA FOR SANCHEZ PONTON--Interventions with the State Department here and in Mexico won a prompt reversal of efforts to restrict Dr. Sanchez Ponton's trip. The story was front-paged in leading Mexican newspapers. The New York Post also carried a major story...While in New York. Dr. Sanchez Ponton was interviewed by the press services who sent stories to Latin America. The fact that he is a former Minister of Education and Ambassador of Mexico makes his action in this case extremely important.

LIST OF SIGNERS ON EXECUTIVE APPEAL GROWING RAPIDLY-Hardly a day goes by that Mrs. Sobell doesn't receive added signatures to the appeal to President Eisenhower for Morton Sobell's freedom or a new trial... In recent days, California's former

Governor Olson, who freed Tom Mooney and Warren Billings, joined the Appeal. So did the Rev. Peter McCormack, the Protestant Chaplain at Alcatraz. The signers include many eminent Rabbis, such as Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, who until recently was national director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations.

YOU CAN HELP THE LIST GROW--By visiting leaders in your city, you can obtain additional signers of the appeal which Mrs. Sobell has made public. Copies of the appeal and the impressive group of signers are available.

NEXT STEP--NEWSPAPER ADS--Mrs. Sobell is planning to take ads in the New York Times and papers in other cities in June, printing the appeal and the names of the signers who agree to participate in the ads. The goal is 1,000 signatures by then. You can help, not only in obtaining signatures, but in raising the funds to pay for the ads. Begin collecting money now. Further information will be sent to you.

FILM STRIPS ARE BETTER THAN EVER--You and friends in your city are missing something if you haven't been showing the new film strip on the Rosenberg-Sobell case, "Was Justice Done?"...New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and St.Louis have taken the lead in showing the film. All report an excellent response. San Francisco criticized the national office for not using enough superlatives about the film... If you are troubled by the technical arrangements, be assured that it is simple to rent a projector for a few dollars in any projector rental store. But just to make sure, the national office is buying another projector, crating it, and shipping it from city to city.

LOS ANGELES PROVIDES RECORDED COMMENTARY-Now, in addition to a narration for the film strip that can be read, there is a first-rate recorded commentary produced by the L.A. Committee. It's done by a professional announcer and has a musical background. All you need is an ordinary tape recorder to use while showing the film. Tapes are available... The film strip is your best way to educate people and raise funds at the same time.

DINNER AND MEETING BOOSTS SOBELL CASE IN LOS ANGELES—Although Senator Langer couldn't attend as scheduled because of illness, a successful \$100-per plate dinner and a public meeting were held by the Los Angeles Committee. Both events heard a recorded statement of Senator Langer's views on the case. The meeting served as focal point for Helen Sobell's announcing of the signers to the executive appeal... There were impressive ads for the meeting in the Mirror-News, leading L.A. newspaper, and in various weekly newspapers...

The dinner was attended by many important community leaders.

NEW YORK STEPS UP ACTIVITY--The past few months have seen a sharp increase in work by the New York Committee...Two preceptions were held for Dr. Sanchez Ponton...Many signatures on the executive appeal were obtained by people telephoning persons who had received Mrs. Sobell's mailing...There have been some 20 film strip showings in the New York area at house gatherings, meetings, and luncheons...Thrift sales have resulted in the raising of some \$2,000, and another thrift sale is planned.

CLERGYMEN ATTEND SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE--Two prominent San Francisco clergymen attended the recent conference held by the Bay Area Committee to plan work on the Sobell case. Conference saw film strip and planned further showings, and decided on all-out effort for signatures on executive appeal, in addition to signers announced at the conference. Very well attended musicale was held to raise funds on the case. A \$50 a plate dinner is being explored.

MID-WEST REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS PROGRESS--Haven Perkins, the Sobell Committee's mid-West representative, has been getting a wonderful response on his trips. He's been teaching classes on the Sobell case at important universities, speaking with newspaper editors, union officials, leading civil liberties spokesmen, and other community leaders. He's been selling Professor Sharp's book, getting public and university libraries to order the book, and arranging for book reviews in various publications. Many of the people he has visited have signed the presidential appeal.

DEPARTMENT OF LITTLE KNOWN STATISTICS--The postage meter acquired by the national office has just passed its third anniversary. The meter reading: #11,000 in postage used to mail the truth around the country during the past three years...This is but a single example of the amount of money that must be spent on every-day work. Up-coming expenses include the need to reprint the trial record (only 10 copies left), a new edition of the tabloid newspaper as soon as there is a court decision, and a reprint of the pamphlet "Prisoner on Our Conscience", which has been out of print for some months.

FROM COAST TO COAST--The Seattle Sobell Committee sent two persons to the Sobell dinner in Los Angeles...Friends in Tucson contributed \$175 to the collection at the Los Angeles meeting...The Portland Committee contributed \$160 to the national office...The Chicago Committee has been increasing its financial support to the national campaign. A mailing in Chicago brought 16 signatures to the executive appeal...

Yuri Suhl spoke to six gatherings during a recent trip to Boston, including a supper at the Community Church...Rose Sobell, Morton's mother, recently visited Florida to gain new support for the case...The American Book Collector magazine reprinted a poem from Helen Sobell's book, "You, Who Love Life."...Syracuse is among the committees sending a monthly sustaining contribution to the national office.

CONGRESSMEN WRITE MRS. SOBELL-A number of Senators and Congressmen have written cordial letters to Helen Sobell in response to a mailing on the case... She is planning a trip to Washington next month to speak personally with important members of the legislature.

"FRAME-UP GREATER THAN SACCO AND VANZETTI"--An illustration of the spreading of the truth about the Rosenberg-Sobell trial can be seen in the January issue of Fellowship, published by the Fellowship of Reconciliation. John M. Swomley, Jr., reviewing John Wexley's book, wrote:

"It was not easy to begin reading such a long book about two people who, I assumed, were guilty and whose case was now closed. For one thing, from talking with one of the lawyers who had become involved in a court appeal for the Rosenbergs, I had formed an impression that some of those supporting the Rosenbergs welcomed the opportunity to have them martyred. But whatever the motives of the Communists in publicizing this case. John Wexley's book raises an issue of justice which no liberty-loving American can ignore. Wexley's facts clearly indicate that the Rosenbergs and a scientist, Norton Sobell, now serving a 30-year sentence, were the victims of a political frame-up greater than that of Sacco and Vanzetti."

JUST RECEIVED -- Copy of March 6th newspaper, La Cpinion, of Pueblo, Mexico, with front page, two-column banner headline reporting Dr. Sanchez Fonton's defense of Morton Sobell.

## Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (#7-2) DATE:

6/12/57

FROM

SA EDWARD M. ANCIN (#19-2)

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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Characterization

Who has furnished reliable information in the past. (Use T symbol) 5/26/57

Date of Activity 6/5/57 EDWARD M. ANCIN Date Received Agent to Whom Furnished

Location of Original Report

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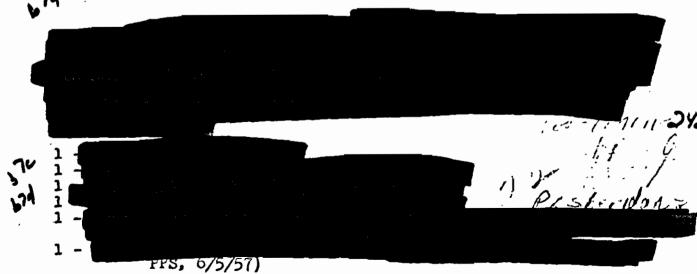
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"TIME: 10:30 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. May 26th, 1957

PLACE: 125th Street, New York N.Y. -Bear Mountain N.Y.

OCCASION: "Morton Sobell Defense Fund" -Boat Ride

Attendence not estimated



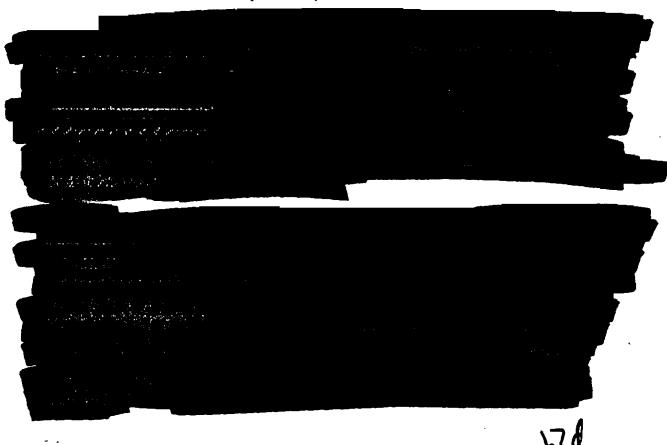
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At the pier tickets were still being sold. Admission was \$2.50 Per Person. One of the ladies selling tickets was Miss Lucille Flato (W-F-35) 5'6" 120 lbs. Glasses. Miss Flato is employed by the American Heart Association, 44 East 23 Street, New York N.Y. As the pier was actually seven blocks away from the place designated on the ticket a shuttling service was being conducted by a committee member, Miss Sarah Hammon(Ph) (W-F-35) 5'5" 135 lbs.

The man who seemed to be in charge of Committee work and ticket sales was named Ben LNU (W-M-55)5'6" Black Grey Bushy Hair and a yiddish accent. In charge of operations was a fellow named Eric LNU (W-M-30).



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The boat arrived at Bear Mountain at 2P.M. An area was picked out for the group. The picnic lasted until 4:30 P.M. at which time everyone returned to the boat. On the way back there was a raffle conducted, the winner getting two tickets to the broadway show "My Fair Lady" Tickets for the raffle sold for fifty cents apiece or three for a dollar. The trip ended at8:30 P.M. and in the opinion of many it was a smooth and well run operation.

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SUBJECT:

JUSTICE FOR SOBELL COMMITTEE

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The following item is being submitted for filing:

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due to the limited contact had with his reliability, is, as yet, unce termined.

Description of document furnished Notice that the Sobell Committee Carnival was postponed from 6/1/57 to 6/8/57.

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SA ALESIO SAVIOLA

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The "National Guardian" (6/10/57, pg. 11, col. 1) announced that the Citizens for Democratic Socialism would sponsor an affair to be held Priday, 6/7/57, 8:30 pm, at The Clubhouse, 150 W. 85 St., NYC.

attended the above mentioned affair. The notice regarding the Sobell Committee Carnival was passed out to the people who attended that affair (the affair sponsored by the Citizens for Democratic Socialism).

No further dissemination is required.

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CONSITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IS-C; ISA OF 1950

Reurlet to the Director, 6/4/57, captioned as above, enclosing two copies of letters dated 5/3 and 10/57, from captioned organization. The NYO received two Photostats of CSJMS letter dated 5/3/57.

The Cincinnati Office is requested to furnish the NYO with one copy of the CSJNS letter dated 5/10/57, if the material contained therein is decided pertinent as well as the name of the agent receiving above.

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Director, FBI (100-287835)

SAC, Indianapolis (65-2095)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE III THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka 13 - C; ISA, 1950 OC: NY

Re IP letter to Bureau 4-2-57.

advised SA ROBERT L. BRANNON on 5-21-57 that he has been unable to verify any such activity in the Evansville area.

Indiana, advised SA BRANNON on 5-31-57 that he has received no information indicating such activities in the area.

On 5-20-57, Professor HOMARD W. MANN, Law School, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, was located and re-interviewed by SA INVIN K. CHEM. Professor MANN explained that he had received a request from the Yale Law Review asking him to review a book entitled Was Justice Done?" by MALCOLM P. SHARP. MAIN explained that MALCOLM P. SHARP is an attorney in Chicago, Illinois, who assisted the defense attorneys in the Supreme Court appeal of the ROSENBERG and SOBELL cases. MANN stated his personal opinion that after reading this book, he considers it quite a silly book, and believed that SHARP became too emotionally involved in these cases to take an analytical viewpoint from the standpoint of the law involved. He stated that his review of this book will be highly critical.

HANN further explained that HALCOLA P. SHARP wrote to a former student of his, Professor KELSO, at the Indianapolis Extension of Indiana University in Indianapolis, Indiana, and requested that he be able to send a representative

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to see KELSO to discuss this case. Since KELSO was attached to an extension of this university, KELSO referred this matter to Professor MANN at the law School of Indiana University on the Bloomington campus. KELSO wrote this referral to SHARP and subsequently SHARP wrote to MANN making the same request to send a representative to him to discuss this case. Subsequently, NAVEN PERKINS corresponded with MANN requesting an interview to discuss this case through this introduction from SHARP. MANN explained that PERKINS was introduced to him through correspondence as a former member of the Philosophy Department at Harvard University and a former Thodes Scholar. He stated that he saw no objection to this and granted PERKINS an interview.

MANN stated that PERKINS appeared in Bloomington, Indiana, one Monday morning, but he, MANN, was unable to see him until tht same evening. He stated that he took FERMINS to dinner at a local restaurant and there was no one clac present during this one interview. MANN explained that up until this time, he was not aware that PERKINS represented any specific committee, but during this interview, PERKING adviced him that he represented a committee to secure justice for MARION SOBELL in the ROSENBERG case. HANN stated that he tried to discuss this case with PERKINS, but discovered, much to his amazement, that PERKINS knew very little of the legal aspects of this case. He stated that he personally recognized PERKINS at this point as merely a propaganda agent" and not as someone interested in the legal aspects of the case. He stated that he did not see PECKINS after this first interview.

PERKIND to injone else either in Bloomington, Indiana or at any other place. He stated, however, that he learned at a later date that FERKIND had used his name in introducing himself to other people. MANN explained that he was contacted by several other professors at Indiana University who asked him his opinion on PERKIND and the committee that FERKIND represented. MANN advised these professors not to have anything to do with FERKIND and specifically not to give him any money for the committee. He stated that although he introduced PERKIND to no one on this campus, he feels sure that PERKIND musthave contacted probably six or eight people in the university proper, using his name as an introduction.

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After PERKIES' visit to Blockington, MANN received a complete transcript of the trial of MOTION BOBELL from the Bebell Committee. He stated that he would use this transcript in his research work here at the university and would make it available to the Law School library at the completion of his research.

MAIN stated that he is not sure whether he mentioned the name of Professor LOUIS LUSKY, of Louisville, Kentucky, during his interview with FERKINS, but he is absolutely positive that he made no suggestion that PERKINS contact LUCKY, and positively did not give POSMINS on introduction to LUCKY. MANN stated that he subsequently received a long-distance telephone call from Professor LUSKY, and that LUCKY was highly displeased over the fact that FERKINS was sent to him by MANN. HARM explained to LUSKY that he did not send PERKINS and LUSKY became even more highly displeased when he found that he had been tricked by PERKINS into granting him an interview. MANN explained that he knows LUSKY only by reputation, but considers him a person of the highest regulation.

PERRIES after his visit to Blockington, in which FERRIES requested that MANN give him the names of people whom he, MANN, knew at Yale University, Harvard University, and several other colleges and universities in the East. PERKINS stated in this letter that he would like to go and see these people concerning his work with the consisted and that he would like an introduction to them by MANN. MANN stated that he induced this letter and did not answer it since he was so highly displeased with PERRIES that he was afected he could not control his language.

MAMN, who has been very cooperative with the Eureau, insisted that he will make available a copy of his review of the above-mentioned book to this division upon the completion of the riew.

In view of lack of verification of PETING's statements resuch a committee in Evansville and the discrepancies in his report on interview of Professor MANN, Indianapolis is conducting no further investigation UAC.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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The following items were made available by furnished reliable information in the past, to SA LLOYD S. COODROW on the dates indicated below and are being forwarded to the New York Office. Original information is located in

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Date Received By Agent

One letter from the Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, dated March 15, 1957, signed by TED JACOB; and enclosure to letter entitled "The Rosenbergs, Poems Of The United States"

May 8, 1957

The above were received by the informant from the Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell through the U. S. Mails on March 16, 1957.

One pamphlet entitled "The Sobell Case Across The Country" published by the Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York, New York May 8, 1957

through the U.S. Mails The above item was received by on March 21, 1957.

One pamphlet captioned "Hey Rube! Sorry To Disrupt Your Plans But Here's Announcing June 1st Carmival Has Been Postponed Till June 8."

June 5, 1957

The above item was distributed by "Justice For Sobell Defense Committee" and was obtained by an amount on May 26, 1957, while on an excursion boat ride from New York to Bear Mountain, New York. This excursion to Dear Mountain was sponsored by the Committee To Secure Justice For

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One Leaflet from the Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York, New York, dated May 21, 1957, entitled "Issues in Morton Sobell Case Going Before Supreme Court."

June 5, 1957

The above item was received from the Committee To Secure Justice through the U.S. Mails on May 23, 1957. For Morton Sobell by

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